Population Research Seed Awards
Call for Proposals
Due Date: June 10th, 2018

Description:
The Population Studies and Training Center (PSTC) invites applications for its 2018 Research Seed Awards. The purpose of these awards is to encourage faculty members to develop collaborative population-related projects that will obtain funding from the Population Dynamics Branch (PDB) of the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child health and Human Development (NICHD) or other competitive extramural sources.

The number of seed awards will depend upon the number, cost, and quality of the applications received. Seed requests of any size up to $25,000 will be considered. We expect that applications requesting larger sums will be multi-investigator projects that involve pilot data collection to enhance competitiveness for an R01 application. We expect that requests associated with smaller projects will range from $5000 to $15,000 dollars.

This program receives support from the NICHD.

Eligibility:
Faculty Associates of the Population Studies and Training Center are encouraged to apply. However, all regular Brown faculty proposing a population research project as defined by the Population Dynamics Branch of the NIH are eligible. Multi-investigator teams that bring together complementary approaches, and projects that include junior and senior faculty collaboration, are encouraged.

Applications:
All proposals should include the following in a single document:
   1. Title
   2. Short Abstract
   3. List of Investigators
   4. Proposal (~2 pages):
      a. Specific aims
      b. Significance/Innovation
      c. Proposed activities
      d. Project timeline
      e. Plans for application for NIH or other external funding
   5. Budget, with brief justification
   6. CV or NIH biosketch for all key investigators

Evaluation:
Proposals will be evaluated by a Faculty Review Committee. Review criteria include:
1) significance; 2) innovation; 3) contribution to Population Dynamic Branch Research Programs; 4) the importance of the seed project to leveraging development of a larger project and grant application; 5) feasibility; 6) cost-effectiveness; and 7) fit with the PSTC’s research themes.

**Award Details:**
Seed fund awards will be announced in July.

Seed funds cannot be used for faculty salary support or for travel to professional meetings. Funds may be used for other research expenses such as hiring a graduate student research assistant; conducting interviews; preparing biological samples; and field testing questionnaires. PSTC staff programming time, spatial consultations, or RA support, may also be requested in support of proposal development.

Award recipients preparing NIH PDB proposals will be expected to workshop their proposal in an informal small group meeting with PDB-experienced researchers.

All projects with human subjects will need to obtain necessary IRB reviews.

**Reporting Requirements:**
A brief project report summarizing progress with respect to applications for external funding, grants, publications, and presentations will be due July 1, 2019.

**Questions?**
Please contact Ana-Karina Wildman, Assistant Director of the PSTC at ana_wildman@brown.edu.

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