CALL FOR INNOVATIVE, INTERDISCIPLINARY EDUCATION GRANT PROPOSALS

Deadline for submitting proposals: 5 pm PST on Friday August 31, 2016

The Center for Healthy Aging solicits proposals for innovative interdisciplinary education programs during 2016-17. The Center is an integrated, multi-disciplinary cross-campus initiative that aims to advance and promote positive health and well-being in later life through research, education, and community outreach. It is jointly sponsored by major components of the UC San Diego campus including various Divisions, Schools, and Organized Research Units.

The purpose of the Interdisciplinary Education Grant Program is to support creative educational activities aimed at increasing the knowledge and competency of undergraduate students at UC San Diego in understanding and promoting healthy aging. A key goal of this program is to stimulate education in an interdisciplinary setting and primarily through direct interaction with the aging community. Proposals should encompass several disciplines, such as Schools, Departments or Divisions. Mentored experiences in the community or experiences that bring the community into the UC San Diego campus are expected to be primary and the cornerstone of proposed educational activities. All programs must also provide formal didactic experiences that enhance this field training. Preference will be given to sustainable education programs with the following characteristics: (1) they involve students starting in their freshman year and who are from more than one school or unit, and (2) they include repeated direct and meaningful interactions with the aging community that is mutually beneficial to students and the community. Proposals that develop new sustainable education programs, experiences, or activities and proposals that expand existing educational activities to include a key interdisciplinary component and core activities in the community will be considered. Education Pilots proposals are expected to enhance the professional development of the students and foster a career trajectory towards work on understanding and promoting healthy aging.

Amount:
Awards that will be considered may range up to a maximum of $25,000. Purposes for which funds may be spent include purchase of supplies, salary support, and expenses related to activities in the community. Examples include support for a part-time coordinator and costs of organizing meetings. The amount requested and budget justification will be factors considered in the review of proposals. There are no indirect costs associated with this grant program.

PI Eligibility:
The Lead PI can be any faculty member affiliated with UC San Diego including junior and senior faculty. The PI will be the individual with primary responsibility for overseeing the educational activities supported by the grant. However, the program should be a collaboration between two or more different units (Schools or Divisions) of the campus, and may have one or two Co-PIs or Co-Investigators from these other components. An investigator may participate in only one proposal. It is strongly encouraged that a community collaborator be named as part of the education team.

PROPOSAL FORMAT AND CRITERIA:
Proposals should be single spaced with a maximum of 3 pages (excluding the application form cover sheet, references and letters of collaboration).

Attached at Front of Proposal:
Application Cover Sheet
Please download and complete HAI Education Program Grant Application Cover Sheet found on the following website: http://aging.ucsd.edu/events/pilot-funding
**Description of Education Program**
This section should describe the proposed educational activities and address their importance and novelty. In addition, proposals should explain:

a) the ways in which the educational activities will increase students’ competency in promoting healthy aging, and foster interest in a career in this area

b) how students will be recruited and

c) how the educational program is interdisciplinary and will involve investigators from different disciplines or Schools or Divisions

d) a description of how mentored community activities will be implemented and enhanced by didactic experiences

e) plans for long-term sustainability of the proposed educational activities

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**Education Team**
This section should briefly describe the education team.

**Itemized Budget and Budget Justification**
This section should contain an itemized budget and brief budget justification. The budget period will be from October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017. If the budget is to be split between UCSD departments or two institutions, please indicate the subtotal and lead investigator for each department/group.

**Other Support**
Please list the other sources of support for all PIs and indicate how the proposed educational activities cannot be supported by these funds. Address the impact that funding would have for the program.

**Attached to End of Proposal:**

**Letters of Collaboration**
A letter of intent to collaborate should be attached at the end of the proposal for each faculty-level team member and community collaborator listed on page 3. The letters will not count toward the 3-page limit.

A brief letter or email to the Lead PI stating the following is sufficient: *I write to express my enthusiastic support of the proposal entitled “[REPLACE WITH PROPOSAL TITLE]” to the Center for Healthy Aging Education Grant Program. I look forward to this collaboration.*

**Submission Instructions:**
Submit proposals electronically as a single pdf file using the online form that is available on the following website: [http://aging.ucsd.edu/events/pilot-funding](http://aging.ucsd.edu/events/pilot-funding)

Proposals should be submitted by 5 pm PST on August 31, 2016; announcements will be made in late-September, with a planned start date of October 1, 2016.

**Award Conditions:**
A final report must be submitted when requested, to include a listing of any publications, presentations, patents, press releases, and follow-on funding that may have resulted from the educational activities.

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**Please contact the UC San Diego Center for Healthy Aging with any questions:**
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