CALL FOR INNOVATIVE MULTI-DISCIPLINARY RESEARCH GRANT PROPOSALS

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

The Center for Healthy Aging solicits proposals for the support of innovative interdisciplinary research projects during 2016-17. The Center for Healthy Aging 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 UC San Diego campus including various School, Divisions, and Organized Research Units. The purpose of the Pilot Grant Program is to foster research focused on ideas that are related to study and promotion of healthy aging. A goal of this program is to stimulate testing of hypotheses for which no standard funding stream is available. A further goal is to assist in generation of preliminary data and qualitative results that will enable larger funding from other sources. Proposals must encompass several disciplines or laboratories and be projects that catalyze new collaborative research. Extensions of ongoing research programs are not likely to be favorably considered.

Amount:
Awards may range up to a maximum of $25,000. Purposes for which funds may be spent include purchase of equipment, supplies, salary support, and usage of facilities. Examples include support for a graduate student or partial support for a postdoctoral fellow, payment for fMRI scanner time, and purchase of gene chips for specific experiments. 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 should be a junior faculty member affiliated with UC San Diego and is the individual with primary responsibility for overseeing the project supported by the grant. However, the project 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. Co-PI eligibility is not limited to faculty investigators; we welcome applications from graduate students and postdocs so long as the overall PI is a faculty member with the requisite qualifications to lead the proposed project. An investigator may participate in only one proposal. Named collaborators outside of UC San Diego may be part of the research team.

PROPOSAL AND FORMAT 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 the Grant Application Cover Sheet found on the following website:
aging.ucsd.edu/events/pilot-funding

PAGES 1-2:

Description of Research
This section should describe the proposed research and address its importance and novelty. In addition, proposals should explain
a) the ways in which the research will promote an understanding of ways to achieve or promote healthy aging
b) how the research is interdisciplinary and will involve investigators from different laboratories or disciplines or Schools or Divisions
c) plans for subsequent application/s to extra-mural agencies or foundations for larger and longer-term funding, and likelihood of success in obtaining such funding

d) how the project would contribute to outreach and/or campus diversity goals

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**Scientific Team and Laboratories**
This section should briefly describe the research team and laboratories.

**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 (i.e., faculty or equivalent but not graduate students and postdoctoral fellows) and indicate how the project cannot be supported by these funds. Address the impact that funding would have for the project.

**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 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 “…..” to the Center for Healthy Aging Research 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: aging.ucsd.edu/events/pilot-funding

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**Award Conditions:**
If applicable, valid animal and/or human subject protocols must be approved by the appropriate institution prior to the issuing of award funds.

A final report must be submitted when requested, to include a listing of any publications, presentations, press releases, and follow-on grants that may have resulted from the research.

Grant recipients will be asked to present their educational program to the Center for Healthy Aging Steering Committee as well as various other meetings and symposiums.

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