REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
The USC/UCLA CBPH invites interested investigators to submit proposals for twelve month pilot research projects. Projects will begin on July 1st, 2018 and must end on June 30th, 2019 (There can be no carryover as this is the last year of a five year cycle.)

Please share this announcement with researchers who might be interested.

RESEARCH FOCUS
The USC/UCLA CBPH is funded by the National Institute on Aging and its aims include promoting research that
1) integrates epidemiological, medical, and biological information into investigation of population health outcomes in order to better understand health differences across socioeconomic, race/ethnic, and demographic subgroups of the population and across international populations
2) develops models of population health outcomes that will clarify the effects of changes in risk factors and interventions on trends in population health.

Research should be relevant to health outcomes that are important in the aging process but is not limited to research on only older samples. The Center has supported pilot work by demographers, epidemiologists, biologists, economists, sociologists, psychologists, geneticists, and clinical geriatricians and has emphasized interdisciplinary collaborations. Descriptions of past pilot projects are posted at http://gero.usc.edu/CBPH/research.html.

BUDGET
Investigators may request direct costs in the range of $15,000 to $25,000 per year for pilot projects. Funds can be uses for research assistance, salaries, laboratory assays, travel, supplies and data collection.

TIMETABLE
- Feb 1 – Submit Proposal – Abstract, Specific Aims, Innovation, Research Design (3 pages total not including abstract), NIH Budget pages, NIH Biosketch. Send to Crimmins (USC), crimmin@usc.edu; and Seeman (UCLA) TSeeman@mednet.ucla.edu
- March 1 - Notification of review committee decisions; Request for Human subjects approvals
- April 1 – IRB approvals due (all proposed projects must show IRB approval for submission to NIA by April 23 submission of proposals to National Institute on Aging)
- July 1, 2018 – Funding begins (Approximately, date could be affected by issues beyond our control) – Projects begin after notification of approval from NIA.

Duration of pilot projects is for 12 months. Project report provided to CBPH upon completion. Pilot outcomes such as resulting proposals, research funding, and publications must be reported and are expected outcomes of support. All research
resulting from the pilot work must credit NIA grant P30AG017265. All publications must be submitted to Pubmed Central.

**Format of Proposals**
Cover page with Title and investigators and an abstract which clarifies the value of the research, NIH-biosketch for all key-personnel, a PHS 398 budget page, plus 2 page proposal covering specific aims/hypothesis, preliminary studies and methods. All proposals using human subjects will need institutional IRB approval before we can send to NIH for review. If a project involves a sub-contract, you need to also include a signed PHS 398 face page from the sub-contractor and a letter signed by the sub-contractor. A proposal with a foreign component needs special approval from NIA.

**Please supply proposal in Word format as we need to cut and paste proposed projects into out annual report.**

**Selection Criteria**
Proposals will be evaluated for (a) the quality of the proposed research; (b) relatedness of research to mission of the Center; (c) likelihood that proposed work will result in R01 funding within 2 years; (d) likelihood the research will result in important publications with insights into population health; (e) credentials of investigators – young investigators are encouraged to apply.

For more information about CPBH contact website ([http://www.usc.edu/dept/gero/CBP](http://www.usc.edu/dept/gero/CBP)) or Eileen Crimmins or Teresa Seeman.

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