

PRC Early Career Diversity Research Award: Call for Proposals

Graduate student and early career research funding toward understanding or addressing disparities in health faced by diverse and oppressed populations

Accepting applications through September 30, 2022

This call for proposals from the Edna Bennett Pierce Prevention Research Center (PRC) is for graduate student, postdoctoral, or early career (up to 5 years post-graduation) researchers' proposals that will focus on health disparities experienced by diverse and oppressed populations. Diversity may be defined in terms of (but not limited to) race, ethnicity, immigrant status, disability, sex, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, or geography. We are seeking proposals that focus on epidemiological or developmental risk and protective factors as well as those that might inform interventions. Applicants may request funds in the amount of \$300-\$2500 to support research expenses. Although we anticipate receiving applications from departments in the College of Health and Human Development, applications are welcome from any department and college at Penn State.

To apply for a PRC Early Career Diversity Research Award, please complete all sections below and email the document to Sara Brennen (sep104@psu.edu) with the subject line: "PRC Trainee Research Award Proposal." Proposals must be single-spaced, in Times New Roman font 12-point type, left-aligned with 1-inch margins. **The description for proposal (items 1-7) may not exceed 1 page.** Do not include appendices. All materials – the Proposal, Additional Requirements, CV, and Letter of Support – should be integrated into a **single PDF, attached to the email, by September 30, 2022.** Review of applications will begin September 26, 2022, and decisions will be made by October 31, 2022.

If selected for funding, acceptance of award implies consent to provide progress reports requested by the PRC, to acknowledge the PRC in any related publications or news releases, and to participate in PRC seminars and events during the funding period. Additionally, recipients are expected to present on the project during a PRC seminar at an agreed-upon time.

Applicants are expected to receive approval from the IRB for human subjects before beginning their study.

PROPOSAL (1 page max.)

1. Title of Proposal

2. Name of Principal Investigator ("Applicant") and Name of Graduate Advisor or Postdoc Mentor (if applicable)

3. Keywords

Provide 3-5 descriptive keywords.

4. Specific Aims/Problem to be Addressed

Describe the aims of the proposed project. Priority will be given to projects related to health and challenges faced by diverse and oppressed populations, with preference given to projects that

develop or adapt an intervention to reduce systemic racism or promote antiracist practices and culture. Provide a brief description of the population and an explanation of the human/social/behavioral problem being addressed and describe its relevance to PRC's mission.

5. Scientific Foundation

Summarize the conceptual/theoretical framework/logic model and empirical evidence that provides the foundation for the proposed work.

6. Description of Activities/Methods

Summarize the project activities (e.g., meeting goals, learning objectives, pilot study methods). For data collection studies, address proposed recruitment (including feasibility and target sample), data collection procedures and key measures, and proposed analyses. Describe any steps that have been taken in preparation for this project already.

7. Relevance to Dissertation Project or Research Career

Describe how this funding would facilitate the Applicant's dissertation research or their long-term research identity.

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED ITEMS

Timeline

Provide the anticipated timeline for accomplishing the project's goals, and how this aligns with progress in dissertation program, if applicable (e.g., comprehensive exams, proposal defense, final defense).

Location of Proposed Research

Please state the physical location of the research. It is assumed that research will be conducted at University Park campus. If another research setting is required for the proposed research, please justify.

Budget and Justification

Provide an itemized budget for research expenses and brief budget justification. Eligible expenses include participant incentives, equipment, and related research expenses. Funds may not be requested for travel to conferences, professional development, or salary of Applicant or graduate advisor. Funds must be spent by the end of the current fiscal year (6/30/23).

Investigator Information

Applicant:

Name
Year in PhD Program
(Students):
Position and Years in
Position (Postdoc/Faculty):
Department
College
Phone
Email

*Graduate Advisor (if graduate student) or
Primary Mentor (if postdoc):*

Name
Title
Department
College
Phone
Email

Attachment: Curriculum Vitae

Attach Applicant's current curriculum vitae.

Attachment: Students and Postdocs should get a Letter of Support from Graduate Advisor or Postdoc Mentor

Graduate student and postdoctoral scholars must include with their application a brief letter of support from the graduate advisor or postdoc mentor (email to the Applicant is acceptable). The applicant's mentor should indicate their support of the project by writing a brief letter detailing how they will support the project, the fit with the Applicants' dissertation project (or postdoc research goals) or long-term research/career goals. It is required that the brief letter of support articulates that the graduate advisor has reviewed the full proposal prior to submission.