

## RESEARCH STIMULUS GRANTS IN AGING

### Proposal Guidelines

The aim of this program is to build greater strength in multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary aging research. The Institute on Aging will award up to four developmental grants (the typical grant will be between \$7,500 and \$10,000). These developmental grants are intended to help investigators build viable research proposals in aging through the use of structured mentoring from colleagues who are senior researchers in the field of aging. The review team will assess the following in choosing which proposals will be funded:

- 1) The appropriateness and breadth of the proposed interdisciplinary approach;
- 2) The likelihood that the proposed team will be able to develop a fundable proposal to a federal agency or foundation within a year;
- 3) The likelihood that the lead researcher(s) will expand an existing or create a new program of research within the Institute;
- 4) The degree to which the mentorship strengths of the Institute match the needs of the project team and topic;
- 5) The estimated leverage or return to investment created in a partnership between the Institute and the proposed team.

Proposals for funds should include the following elements in the space allowed

1. **Stimulus Grant Project Description:** Provide a general overview of the stimulus grant project.
2. **Team Description:** List the proposed team members and contact information for the corresponding member(s). Describe what each team member will contribute in terms of expertise, effort, and potential resources to the stimulus grant.
3. **Background/Rationale:** Explain the importance and relevance of the proposed stimulus grant project and the larger scale grant. Include basic background information on the issue(s) to be addressed, existing knowledge and gaps, and the anticipated contribution of the research.
4. **Statement of Objectives and Outcomes:** Identify specific project objectives and specify anticipated outcomes, products and/or accomplishments of the stimulus grant.
5. **Methods or Approaches:** Describe the proposal development activities you plan on engaging in during the stimulus grant phase.
6. **Timeline:** Provide a 1 to 1.5 year timeline and activity schedule to meet the stimulus grant project objectives.
7. **Mentoring:** Provide an explanation as to what areas you feel are underdeveloped in your research or research team. Discuss what you hope to get out of the structured mentoring.
8. **Future Funding:** Describe how the activities described in Step #5 will lead to the development of a larger scale proposal. Describe a timeframe for development of the larger proposal and name relevant funding sources. Provide a description of the larger scale fundable grant. If you are proposing a pilot study, be sure to include a description of



your anticipated research design. If you are not proposing a pilot study, summarize the research design you anticipate for the ultimate grant proposal.

IN ADDITION TO THE 5 PAGE (MAXIMUM) PROPOSAL DESCRIBED ABOVE, THE FOLLOWING 4 ATTACHMENTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED:

1. **References:** Scholarly references in support of the significance, rationale for the project, and methods should be appended.
2. **Budget:** Please see call for proposals for information about the budget
3. **Resume or curriculum vitae**
4. **Collaboration Letter:** A letter from the appropriate Dean/Director/Chair acknowledging the overhead sharing agreement for proposals developed related to the proposed work is required.

**Please insert the following text on the bottom of the face page of your proposal:**

**If selected for this award, I hereby indicate my willingness to attend the weekly Institute on Aging seminar series and a monthly mentoring meeting for research stimulus grantees at the Institute on Aging.**

**If selected for this award, I hereby indicate my willingness to submit a progress report for this project no later than June 30, 2009 and a final report by December 31, 2009.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**The deadline for proposals is June 2, 2008 at 5 PM. Proposals can be submitted by mail or electronically to:**

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