UCLA - Resource Centers for Minority Aging Research
Center for Health Improvement of Minority Elderly (RCMAR/CHIME) and
UCLA Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI)
Pilot Project Award 2019-2020

Applications are being accepted for one-year Pilot-Project Awards of
up to $45,000 for the project period 07/01/2019 - 06/30/2020

Who Should Apply: Applications are being accepted from under-represented minority junior- and mid-level faculty and post-doctoral researchers. Applicants are required to have a faculty appointment between 07/01/2019 – 6/30/2020 at UCLA or at another academic institution/organization in the greater Los Angeles area. Applicants that are funded will conduct a pilot research project that focuses on minority older adult populations.

Funding Amount Available: Three (3) one-year pilot project awards are available. The maximum funding available per pilot project is $45,000: up to $25,000 from the RCMAR/CHIME (NIH/NIA Grant #P30-AG021684) and up to $20,000 from the CTSI (NIH/NCATS Grant #UL1TR001881).

Focus of Pilot Projects: Support will be given to pilot research projects that are consistent with the goal of the RCMAR/CHIME: to provide research training and mentoring to under-represented minority junior- and mid-level faculty so they can advance their academic careers by conducting research that contributes to the reduction of health disparities affecting minority elders. Previously funded pilot projects involved primary data collection and/or secondary data analysis and addressed disparities in the healthcare of minority elders. Ideally, pilot projects should demonstrate effective inter-institutional and/or academic-community partnerships and lead to the publication of at least one first-authored, peer-reviewed manuscript plus subsequent funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), particularly the National Institute on Aging (NIA).

Note: We do **not** fund pilot projects focused on basic science or clinical research (a branch of medical science that determines the safety and effectiveness of medications, devices, diagnostic products and treatment regimens intended for human use).

Pilot project recipients will become RCMAR/CHIME scholars and will benefit from the mentorship of RCMAR/CHIME affiliated faculty. RCMAR/CHIME scholars are expected to attend monthly meetings that include a methodological seminar and a works in progress session. These meetings are held on the third Monday afternoon each month. RCMAR/CHIME scholars get feedback on their project and grant applications during these meetings. RCMAR/CHIME scholars may also be selected to present their work at biannual Scientific Retreats and the RCMAR Annual Investigators National Meeting, which provides an excellent opportunity for networking and obtaining feedback on projects and career advice. The RCMAR/CHIME also provides strong support and guidance to scholars conducting community based participatory research in Los Angeles area.

Application Timeline:
1. **By 12pm noon Thursday, January 17, 2019**, applicants must submit an online application on the RCMAR/CHIME website – http://chime.med.ucla.edu/apply – and upload the required supporting documents (see page 2 for required documents).
2. **By approximately Friday, February 1, 2019**, candidates will be notified if they have been selected to prepare and submit a full proposal and supporting documents.

3. **By Friday, March 8, 2019**, selected candidates <u>must</u> submit the full proposal with supporting documents including a six-page, single-spaced research plan and detailed budgets and other requested documents.
4. Applicants whose proposals are selected for funding will be notified as soon as possible (notification is no earlier than end of March 2019). The full proposals and supporting documents will be forwarded to the NIH/NIA for final approval. The award will be disbursed after July 1, 2019.

<u>**Application Submission and Required Documents:**</u> Applicants <u>must</u> complete and submit the following <u>required</u> documents by **12pm noon Thursday, January 17, 2019**:

1. Complete the <u>required</u> online application form on the RCMAR/CHIME website http://chime.med.ucla.edu/apply and
2. Upload the following <u>required</u> documents as <u>Microsoft Word</u> files on the RCMAR/CHIME website http://chime.med.ucla.edu/apply
   A. **A synopsis describing the proposed pilot project.** The synopsis <u>must</u> be single-spaced in Arial font with 11-point typeface, one-inch margins, on 8.5"x11"-size page, limited to a maximum of two pages and <u>must</u> include:
      i. Title of project;
      ii. Description of proposed pilot project including brief description of the design and data to be collected or used in the pilot project;
      iii. A specific statement about how the proposed pilot project is related to the RCMAR goal of supporting minority junior- and mid-level faculty and post-doctoral fellows who can advance their academic and research careers by conducting a pilot research project that contributes to the reduction of health disparities affecting minority elders;
      iv. A brief timeline that documents the feasibility of completing the pilot project in one year;
      v. A specific statement about how this pilot project will inform the applicant's future research and how it will lead to larger funding by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) or another agency;
      vi. A description of the applicant and their role on the project; and
      vii. Proposed mentor(s) and a statement about their involvement and the role they will play in conducting the pilot project.
   B. **Applicant's NIH Biosketch in the current format.**
   C. **All Mentor's and/or senior key personnel's (s') NIH Biosketch in the current format.**
   D. **Institutional Letter of Support.** You <u>must</u> submit an institutional letter of support from either your department chair or division chief confirming that you will have a junior- or mid-level faculty appointment between 07/01/2019 and 06/30/2020 and adequate "protected time" during that period to conduct your proposed pilot project.

Please contact Cristina Punzalan or Art Gongora at rcmarchime@mednet.ucla.edu with any questions.

For more information about the RCMAR/CHIME and the UCLA CTSI visit http://chime.med.ucla.edu/ and http://www.ctsi.ucla.edu/.