



SIRC Research Pilot Projects

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center (SIRC) invites applications to fund minority health disparities research projects. Under the auspices of SIRC's Investigator Development Core (IDC), the pilot program is designed to support promising early stage investigators to develop and carry-out novel research projects that address health disparities causes and solutions, and help investigators obtain preliminary data and expertise necessary for successful externally-funded grant applications.

Pilot grants will provide up to \$50,000 of funding for projects lasting 12 or 24 months and access to resources at SIRC to support research efforts in both the pre- and post- award phases. This support can include, for example, advice from the SIRC weekly Methodological and Statistical Clinic (MASC), feedback from SIRC's Community Advisory Board, and one-on-one consultations.

Letter of Intent deadline (optional): 5:00 PM on Monday, October 12, 2020

Application deadline: 5:00 PM on Monday, December 21, 2020

Applicable Research: The pilot research projects can address any population impacted by health disparities, including ethnic, sexual and gender minority communities, socioeconomically disadvantaged, and rural populations. Proposed projects should have a health equity research focus that is multi-level (e.g., individual, family, school, neighborhood, community, culture) or multi-domain (e.g., biological, behavioral, interpersonal, environmental, historical place) and have an intent to show a demonstrable impact on reducing health disparities. Health disparities topics addressing at least one of the following themes are:



- 1) Eco-developmental pathways (e.g., family functioning, parenting styles, and household environment) influencing health disparities;
- 2) Community-level mechanisms (e.g., neighborhood trust and cohesion) influencing health outcomes;
- 3) The role of cultural mechanisms and processes (e.g., acculturation, discrimination, identity) in health promotion and disease prevention;
- 4) Dissemination science research that examines ways to engage community stakeholders in reducing health disparities.

Eligibility: Early stage investigators who have a full-time appointment at ASU as a non-tenured faculty member (tenure or non-tenure track) or postdoctoral fellow, who are within 10 years of completing a doctoral research degree, and who have not previously competed successfully as a PD/PI for a substantial NIH independent research award are eligible to apply. Priority will be given to projects that are equitably engaged in research with minority communities of the Southwest, and to projects that are most likely to lead to successful external funding.

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