The Population Studies Center will award up to two pilot grants to foster innovative research in demography.

The goals of this program are: (1) to support pilot research leading to larger projects with very high potential for external funding (e.g., NIH R01, R21, R03); and (2) to encourage new collaborations among PSC research faculty. Junior research faculty are particularly encouraged to apply.

**Eligibility:** Researchers with a PSC affiliation as of September 1, 2012.

**How to apply:** To apply for funding, please prepare a proposal articulating the specific aims and activities of the pilot project. The narrative should also include plans for obtaining external funding. While there is no required format, proposals should be limited to 5 single-spaced pages plus a budget page. The proposal should identify the Principal Investigator and other involved researchers and indicate any prior collaborations among investigators. **Note:** Research teams may include University of Michigan researchers/faculty not affiliated with PSC, but these researchers cannot be Principal Investigators.

A budget must be appended to the proposal. Expenses can include research assistance, statistical consulting, travel, data acquisition costs, and research supplies. Salary is not available for investigators.

**Start date:** January 1, 2013

**Funding:** Projects are supported for one year. Up to two pilot projects will be funded for approximately $20,000 each.

**Questions:** Contact Kerri Cross (kerris@umich.edu)

**Deadline:** Please e-mail proposals no later than **October 19, 2012** to Laura Krinock (lkrinock@umich.edu). A review committee of senior Institute for Social Research faculty from relevant disciplines who are not involved in any proposal will evaluate the proposals and make final decisions. We anticipate notifying Principal Investigators about the outcome of the review in early November. Please note that start-up is contingent (if applicable) on human subjects approval by the UM IRB. Pilot funding is provided by NIH (NICHD) as is subject to all rules and regulations pertaining to the expenditure of federal research funds.