Small Grants for Training and Research: 2014
Population Studies Center

The Population Studies Center has several sources of discretionary funds to support training and research projects. Currently these include several endowments: Freedman Fund, Hermalin Scholars Fund, Weinberg Fund, Eva Mueller Fund, Weinberg International Travel Fund and PSC Initiative fund. Many fund international training and research projects including the Weinberg International travel fund for predoctoral trainees. Additionally, the PSC Initiative fund was created by a combination of funding from the Grace Brown endowment and PSC internal discretionary funds. Those funds will provide small research grants for researchers interested in domestic issues. See [http://www.psc.isr.umich.edu/research/small-fund-support.html](http://www.psc.isr.umich.edu/research/small-fund-support.html) for a listing of previous small fund recipients.

**Eligibility:** All PSC faculty, research affiliates appointed before September 1, 2013, and PSC predoctoral trainees are eligible to apply. PSC postdocs, postdoc affiliates and predoctoral trainee affiliates are not eligible to apply. PIs who have not submitted final reports from prior years’ small grant projects are not eligible to apply for this year’s awards. Predoctoral students who receive PSC small grants from several programs will be able to accept only one of the following awards within a given year. This includes this competition, the PSC Alumni Award, Marshall Weinberg Research Fellowship, or Weinberg Population, Development, and Climate Change Fellows Program.

**Number of awards:** Funds and number of awards will be limited this year due to budget constraints. In 2014 PSC has up to $90,000 available in funding and we anticipate being able to fund 10-15 projects. Priority will be given to projects that have the best chance of leading to proposals for external funding. The PSC Advisory Committee will evaluate all requests and if funded, will determine the most appropriate funding source. Award amounts will vary, but most will be in the range of $2,000 to $10,000. In most cases, funds will be available immediately after the awards are announced.

**Number of applications allowed:** Only 1 application per PI or PI team accepted.

**Period of award:** In general, projects should be designed to last approximately 12 months, with slightly longer periods permitted. Please address any need for longer period in your project description. Extensions may be granted for up to one additional year for extenuating circumstances. Awards that are not commenced within the first year will be withdrawn and the PI will be expected to apply for it again in the following grant cycle.

**Human subjects:** For projects that will involve human subjects, no funds will be released until all IRB permissions are in place. Please plan accordingly so that the research may commence on time.

**Deadlines:**

- **December 20, 2013** Call for proposals
- **January 31, 2014** Proposal deadline
- **February 28, 2014** Announcement of awards

**Please note:** Research collaboration with a foreign institution may require review by an in-country IRB; please contact Kerri for assistance.

A final report is required at the end of the period of research. Additionally, all awarded small grant investigators should expect follow-up for routine data collection for reporting on center grants and competing renewals.
Name of applicant:

Title of project or activity:

Proposed Start date:

Country of project or activity:

☐ Solely U.S.  ☐ International country or countries (list):

Human Subjects (Yes or No): _____________________

IRB Approval (if pending, please indicate. If approved, attach approval)

Total amount of request (direct costs, no indirect costs allowed): $____________________

Description of proposed project or activity:

- Include names and affiliations of all non-UM participants and note where PSC alumni are involved.
- For research proposals, the description should include significance, specific aims, plan of work, and expected outcomes/products (e.g., presentation at meetings, publication, and proposal for outside funding of research). Priority will go to projects that have potential to advance an individual’s line of research, and serve as a foundation for external funding. Page limit 2 pages for research plan (not including budget or abstract).
- Abstract/project summary (1 paragraph). If small grant is funded, project abstract will be made available publically on the PSC website.
- Predoctoral trainees need to include a letter of endorsement from their faculty mentor supporting the project.
- For training and related activities, the description should include as much detail as possible, including trainers, trainees, date, location, and any special needs for facilities, equipment, local housing arrangements, etc. For details about courses offered through the SRC and ICPSR summer programs, see: http://www.isr.umich.edu/home/education/
- If your proposal is for a continuation of a previously awarded PSC small grant, a brief progress report on the project is required.

Budget (attach 1/2 page):

Use simple categories, e.g., research assistant salary and fringe benefits, consultant, travel, supplies. Maximum award amount will be $10,000. PI salary is generally not allowed for Principal Investigators who are tenured faculty, without explicit justification. Add budget notes for any category that isn’t discussed in the text of the proposal.

The deadline for receipt of all application materials is January 31, 2014
Please return them to Kerri Cross, preferably via an email attachment.
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