Small Grants for Training and Research
Predoctoral and Postdoctoral Trainees
Population Studies Center

The Population Studies Center Small Grants Program supports predoctoral and postdoctoral trainees' research and training activities. Funding is provided through endowments to the Center. Learn more about research and training activities supported by PSC endowments at https://www.psc.isr.umich.edu/giving/.

Eligibility:
- All predoctoral students and postdoctoral fellows in the PSC training program are eligible to apply except as noted below.
- Recipients who have not submitted final reports from prior years’ small grant projects are not eligible to apply for this year’s awards.
- Trainees who are past-due on program requirements are not eligible to apply.
- Applicants are eligible to receive only one award within a calendar year (exception only for Weinberg Fellowship: Population, Development and Climate Change)

Number of applications allowed: Only one application/project proposal per applicant accepted.

Application Review: The PSC Advisory Committee will evaluate all requests and, if funded, will determine the most appropriate funding source for each award. Award amounts will vary, and in most cases funds will be available immediately after the awards are announced, provided all regulatory requirements are in place.

Period of award: In general, projects should be designed to last approximately 12 months. Slightly longer periods may be accepted. Please address any need for extension in your project description. Post-award extensions may be granted for up to one additional year due to extenuating circumstances but must be approved at least 3 months in advance of the original deadline. Awards that are not commenced within the first year will be withdrawn, and the awardee may re-apply in the following grant cycle.

IRB Requirements: No funds will be released until all IRB permissions are in place. Please plan accordingly so that the research may commence on time.

Important dates:
- January 16, 2019
- February 28, 2019 11:59 p.m.
- March 15, 2019
  Call for proposals announced
  Due date for proposal submissions
  Announcement of awards

Final Report: A final report (approximately 500 words) is required at the end of the period of research or training. This report should include a description of your activities, findings, products (e.g. papers, presentations, grant proposals) and future plans. In addition, you may be expected to report and discuss your findings in a meeting/talk with other researchers or with the sponsor of the endowment funding your award. All awarded small grant investigators should expect follow-up for routine data collection used in reporting on center grants and competing renewals.
Small Grants Application Form  
Population Studies Center  
POSTDOCTORAL AND PREDOMCTORAL TRAINEE APPLICATION

Name of applicant:  
________________________________________________________________

Title of project or activity:  
________________________________________________________________

Proposed project period (dates):  
________________________________________________________________

Country of project or activity:  
☐ Solely U.S.    ☐ International country or countries (list):

Human Subjects    ☐ Yes    ☐ Not Required  
If yes, IRB Approval:    ☐ Pending    ☐ Approved, number:______________________  
(If approved, attach approval notice)

How will awarded funds be used? (Check all that apply.)  
☐ Primary research (data collection or analysis)  
☐ Training  
☐ Conference/workshop attendance  
☐ Materials and supplies  
☐ Other (describe): __________________________

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

Current standing:    ☐ Predoctoral student    ☐ Postdoctoral fellow

Is your traineeship or postdoctoral fellowship appointment funded by an NIA or NICHD training grant to the Population Studies Center?  
☐ Yes    ☐ No
Required Application Materials

Description of proposed project or activity:

- Research proposals should describe project significance, specific aims, plan of work, and expected outcomes/products (e.g., presentation at meetings, publication, and proposal for outside funding of research). The research plan should not exceed two double-spaced pages (not including budget, project timeline or abstract). Include names and affiliations of all non-UM collaborators.
- For training, conference/workshop attendance, 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://home.isr.umich.edu/education/
- Include a proposed project timeline.
- Abstract/project summary (1 paragraph). If small grant is funded, project abstract will be made available publically on the PSC website.
- Predoctoral trainees are required to include a letter of endorsement from their faculty mentor supporting the project.
- If your proposal is for a continuation of a previously awarded PSC small grant, a brief progress report including updated budget and project timeline is required.

Budget (attach 1/2 page):

Awards may be granted up to $8,000, or lesser amounts, as determined by the review committee. Use simple categories, e.g., software, data sets, subject payments, travel, supplies. Applicant salary and/or fringe benefits and computers are not permitted. Add budget notes for any category that is not discussed in the text of the proposal. If awarded, funds must be expended within the categories included in the proposal budget. Request permission for any budget modifications from the PSC small grants administrator prior to spending.

The deadline for receipt of all application materials is February 28, 2019

Please send materials as attachments to Lekisha Maxwell <lekmax@umich.edu>