

## 2022 CDE Seed Grant Competition

### Request for Proposals: Deadline **March 31, 2022**

The Center for Demography and Ecology is pleased to announce a seed grant competition to support pilot research for **future grant applications to NIH**.

### Research Focus

Proposals on a wide range of topics related to the population sciences are invited. Of particular interest is research that address one of CDE's core research areas:

- Fertility, Families, and Households
- Health and the Life Course
- Demography of Inequality
- Biodemography
- Spatial and Environmental Demography

If the research also aligns with NICHD research priorities, please note this in your application: <https://www.nichd.nih.gov/about/org/der/branches/pdb>

### Eligibility

All CDE faculty affiliates, scientist affiliates, and research affiliates are invited to apply. Grants can be single- or multi-investigator.

### Budget

Grants will range in value from 5-25k. We anticipate that the average grant will be 5-10k and can support Summer research assistance, one-semester research assistance, data purchases, or a Summer salary month.

For early career investigators, the grant will be awarded with an additional stipend (\$1,500) for a senior faculty mentor to provide advice on drafts of the grant application that builds on the seed grant research.

### Number of Awards

The number of awards CDE makes will vary to year to year based on the number and size of the requests. We expect to fund on average 2-4 projects.

### Application Process

By **March 31st**, please submit a 2-3 page application to [cde@ssc.wisc.edu](mailto:cde@ssc.wisc.edu) that contains:

- Specific Aims
- Significance
- Innovation
- Methods
- Timeline, including specific plans for grant writing and submission
- Statement about IRB / or plans for submission

A template for the application is [here](#), though this format is not required.

The CDE Development Core Director, Eric Grodsky, will solicit reviews from two to three tenured CDE faculty who did not submit proposals for each submission. Reviewers will be selected from at least two colleges represented by CDE and will include faculty members from across CDE's research areas.

We expect to notify awarded projects by April 30, 2022. Awarded projects must demonstrate IRB approval before funding can be released.

### **Selection Criteria**

Proposals will be evaluated for

(1) connection to CDEs key research areas

(2) probability that the research will result in grant submission to NIH within 12 months of award

It is critical that seed grant awards lead to external grant applications for the CDE seed grant program to be funded by NIH in the future

(3) potential impact of research on the field of population sciences

(4) credentials of investigators. Early investigators and multi-disciplinary investigative teams are particularly encouraged to apply.

If you have any questions, and/or if you would like to discuss ideas in advance, please feel free to write Eric Grodsky ([egrodsky@ssc.wisc.edu](mailto:egrodsky@ssc.wisc.edu)) or Jenna Nobles ([jnobles@ssc.wisc.edu](mailto:jnobles@ssc.wisc.edu)). We have examples of past successful seed grant applications that we can share; please write if interested.