

Michigan Center on the Demography of Aging PILOT GRANT COMPETITION – 2007



The Michigan Center on the Demography of Aging (MiCDA) is one of 13 research centers on aging funded by the National Institute on Aging. The center is housed within the University of Michigan, Institute for Social Research in the Population Studies Center. One of the Center's major goals is to provide pilot funding for researchers conducting demographic research on aging and the elderly. MiCDA announces the availability of funds to foster pilot research on aging.

How to apply: To apply for funding, please send John Bound a pre-proposal that outlines your plans. The pre-proposal will consist of 1-2 paragraphs describing the research or other activity, a timeline and simple budget. Priority will go to projects that have potential to advance an individual's line of research and serve as a foundation for external funding (e.g., NIH R03, R21, R01).

Eligibility

1. Proposals may involve behavioral, social, or medical science research and focus on aging. Some examples of issues that may be investigated include: social disparities in health of the elderly; impact of early life events on health in old age; retirement planning and savings; HIV/AIDS and caregiving among the elderly; biodemography; Medicare Part D, and many other topics.
2. Earliest start date for projects will be May – July 2007
3. Faculty, Research Scientists/Professor/Investigators, and UM Postdoctoral Fellows may apply

Funding

Projects are supported for one year. A second year of funding may be possible (dependent upon availability of funds). Expenses can include research assistants, consulting, and travel. Salary is generally not available for Principal Investigators who are tenured faculty, without special, explicit justification (example: summer salary for a faculty with an academic appointment). This year MiCDA has funding in the range of \$75,000 - \$100,000 and should be able to fund several (5-8) pilot projects. We anticipate that at least 1/2 - 2/3 of the funds are available to fund AIDS/HIV related projects. Applications that focus on HIV/AIDS and the elderly are of particular interest.

Deadline: Please send pre-proposals to John Bound (jbound@umich.edu) no later than February 15th. A review committee will select the most promising ideas and request a final proposal (2-3 pages) with PHS budget detail and justification. Researchers will be notified and full proposals will be due March 15th. Please note that the start-up is contingent on human subjects approval by the UM IRB. Projects with an overseas component also require foreign clearance by the US State Department. Based on recent experience, both of these processes may involve a considerable delay in starting the project.

For further information please contact John Bound (jbound@umich.edu) or Kerri Cross, Project Administrator (kerris@umich.edu).