The Michigan Center on the Demography of Aging (MiCDA) is one of 11 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 e-mail John Bound a pre-proposal that outlines your plans. The pre-proposal will consist of 1-2 paragraphs describing the research or other activity and simple budget. Pre-proposals will be reviewed and we will notify you if your project will be asked to submit a full proposal. Priority will go to projects that have potential to advance an individual’s line of research, serve as a foundation for external funding (e.g., NIH R03, R21, R01) and can be completed over a 12-month period 7/1/15 – 6/30/16.

**Eligibility**
1. Proposals with a focus on aging and involve behavioral, social, or that bridge social & behavioral science with medical science research are encouraged. Projects that advance research around our center’s research themes (chronic disease and disability; life course determinants of health and well being in later life; aging genetics, and social science and economics of savings and retirement) will be given priority. 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; biodemography; Medicare Part D, etc. See [http://micda.psc.isr.umich.edu/project/pilots.html](http://micda.psc.isr.umich.edu/project/pilots.html) for recent and previous funded pilots.
2. Earliest start date for projects will be July 1, 2015 and will run for 12 months. Pilot projects need to be completed no later than June 30, 2016.
3. Faculty, Research Scientists/Professors/Investigators, and UM Postdoctoral Fellows may apply.

**Funding**
Projects are supported for 1-2 years. 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 junior faculty member with an academic appointment). In 2015 MiCDA has up to $21,000 available in funding and we anticipating being able to fund a few (1-3) pilot projects.

**Deadline:** Please e-mail pre-proposals no later than **January 26** to John Bound ([jbound@umich.edu](mailto:jbound@umich.edu)). A review committee will select the most promising ideas. If selected, you will be asked to provide a final proposal (2-3 pages), abstract, PHS budget detail with written justification, and NIH biosketch. **Final proposals will be due February 19**. The review committee will again review the final proposals and make final decisions. We anticipate notifying pilot investigators about the outcome of the review in March 2015. Please note that the start-up is contingent upon NIA approval of the pilot, and if applicable human subjects approval by the UM IRB and projects with an overseas component also require foreign clearance by the US State Department.

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