



**The Consortium on Race, Gender and Ethnicity (CRGE)
in Collaboration with the Maryland Population Research Center**

2019 CALL FOR PROPOSALS: FACULTY SEED GRANTS

Developing Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research

Submission Deadline: April 17, 2019 (Deadline Extended)

We are pleased to announce the twelfth round of a seed grant program for early career faculty at the University of Maryland. We are seeking to fund social science, public health and other disciplinary investigators who employ qualitative and mixed (qualitative and quantitative) methods to explore the intersections of race, gender, ethnicity, class and the dimensions of structural inequalities as they shape construction of complex relationships in health inequities and population dynamics.

This year's program will fund projects in direct support of the mission of the **NICHD Population Dynamics Branch (PDB)** of research in demography, reproductive health, and population health.

Further information related to the PDB mission can be found at

<https://www.nichd.nih.gov/about/org/der/branches/pdb>

Program:

This seed grant provides \$1,000-\$5,000 to early career faculty to develop a study that primarily uses qualitative research methods (including: participant-observation, in-depth interviews, focus groups, life histories, or ethnographies with human subjects) or mixed methods. The investigator may request funds to begin new data collection or to write up the results of qualitative data research previously collected. Past awards of exceptional research projects may be found at www.crge.umd.edu.

Eligibility:

Applicants must:

- Be tenure-track assistant professors (who have highest priority in the funding review process) or early career associate professors.
- Conduct a study where the *primary* focus of the data collection is on the meaning of events in the lives of study participants (i.e., an interpretative approach) rather than collecting data that only measure the frequency of events (i.e., a survey approach).
- Propose a study that is intersectional in its approach (i.e. examining how one or more dimensions of structural inequality impacts the lived experiences of individuals or groups).
- Complete the CITI training in Social/Behavioral research with human subjects.
- Secure Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval by March 1, 2019. **We strongly suggest that your application for human subjects research approval be submitted in a timely manner. IRB approval for the study is a requirement for the release of funds.**
- Committed to the goals and mission of CRGE and MPRC.

Please note:

- **Former applicants who did not receive funding are encouraged to apply.**
- **Former recipients of seed grants are eligible to apply for funding for new research projects only.**

Application Requirements:

The grant application consists of:

1. A brief proposal, no longer than five (5) pages in length (with a 12-point font). It should be addressed to “non-specialists” and include relevance of project to PDB mission.
2. A justified budget that proposes funding of a sum between \$1,000 and \$5,000. Award amounts will depend on the number and quality of grants approved. Funds may be used for direct research costs (e.g. interview transcriptions, travel, salary/summer salary connected to the study). Please provide a clear budget justification. What is money being used for and why?
3. University of Maryland formatted CV.
4. A copy of the IRB project approval letter (if data has already been collected).

Application Preparation Guidelines:

It is important that submissions offer a clear roadmap of research strategies to conduct the proposed study. The review committee understands that qualitative research is emergent and survey instruments may be final drafts. However, it is reasonable for you to give the committee a sense of the contours of your research study including who, what, when, where, and how you expect to conduct the research. The areas below serve as a guide in proposal preparation:

1. State the specific aims and research question to be examined and why it is important to study. Briefly summarize current knowledge in the field, based on a review of the literature and relate to PDB mission.
2. What are the debates in your field that are relevant to this proposed study? Offer a thorough description of the empirical context of your study.
3. Briefly summarize the innovative aspects of the proposed research project.
4. Clearly define the targeted community/participants, your strategy for recruitment, and the data collection and analytic processes of your study. Explain
5. Do you anticipate any difficulties with the study? Explain to the committee how you intend to address them.
6. Identify the long-term goal of the proposed research. What will the data set look like when it is completed?
7. Brief description of external funding ideas.
8. Provide a timeline of your research activities. A timetable of research activities is a helpful tool for assessing when activities are expected to be completed.

Optional: If you wish, you may attach a one-to-three page (maximum) appendix, which offers additional details of the study or other supplemental details. No preliminary data are required for this proposal but may be included as an appendix if available.

Submitting the Application:

Please submit an application with a cover sheet with name, department, title, mailing address, email address, and phone, and a title for your proposed study. Please also include a brief (e.g. 150 words) abstract of the study on the cover sheet. As noted above, the complete application package consists of a five-page proposal, justified budget, and CV. For questions, contact Dr. Katie White, Assistant Director, Consortium on Race, Gender, and Ethnicity at kwhite22@umd.edu or 301-405-1651.

Please e-mail one electronic copy of your application by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 to:

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Review Process:

The proposal will be reviewed by QRIG and MPRC leadership. Reviewers will provide an impact score on the overall quality of the research as well as the potential of the research to lead to preliminary data for inclusion in a submission of a proposal for external funding.

Post-Award Requirements:

Awardees are expected to submit a brief report (4-5 pages) by the end of the spring 2020 semester summarizing their completed research activities, including articles published and grants submitted for external funding, and a budget report on use of funds. Grant recipients are also expected to make a presentation on their research to the QRIG group, interested faculty, and students approximately one year after funding is received.

Timetable:

Awards will be announced by May 15, 2019. Research activities can be planned for the summer/fall 2019 or spring 2020; funds will be dispensed by June 2019, pending IRB approval.