

**CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY CENTER on AGING & HEALTH
INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES
PILOT RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM**

Funded by McGregor Foundation and President's Discretionary Fund

1. *General Purpose*

To provide seed grants to enable faculty members to begin new research ventures in aging. These pilot studies are designed to assist in obtaining preliminary results on which a subsequent proposal for outside support will be based. Applications must show a specific strategy for using the grant to leverage larger-scale, long term research support.

2. *Amount of Awards*

Awards are limited to \$20,000. It is anticipated that a maximum of 5 such awards will be made for each the first funding cycle. It is expected that projects are about one year or less in length. **Proposals are due August 21, 2009.**

3. *Eligibility*

Faculty with a demonstrated need for small research grant support will be considered for awards. Priority will be given to junior, tenure track faculty applicants with minimal off-campus funding who are beginning their university research program; and, to researchers making a change in their research direction to focus on aging. Research teams should be interdisciplinary (newly formed or pre-existing).

4. *Use of Funds*

Funds may be expended for supplies, small items of equipment not otherwise readily available, student assistance, technical services, travel directly related to the project, and other expenses normally associated with starting up a new project or testing a new idea. Funds may not be used for regular salary support or as a supplement to the other ongoing funded projects, for the purchase of computers or other general purpose equipment, for routine travel to meetings, for consulting expenses, or to cover clerical costs in the writing of a larger proposal.

5. *Accountability*

Each awardee will be expected to submit a brief one page report of project progress on a monthly basis to the University Center on Aging and Health. At the close of the project period, each awardee will be required to furnish a brief report describing how the funds were expended, what research or educational progress resulted, and a copy of the abstract(s) of the follow-up proposal(s) made for outside support of the initiated project. Any publications reporting on the results of your research must acknowledge this grant as follows: "This project was supported by the University Center on Aging and Health through the generous support of the McGregor Foundation and the President's Discretionary Fund, Case Western Reserve University". You will also be asked to present your work at a colloquia hosted by the McGregor Foundation.

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Name

Project Title

Amount Requested \$

Period: From

To

In the order below, please provide concise statements, and where critical to an understanding of the proposed study, attach additional information, e.g., tables, figures, etc. Please keep the overall proposal as brief as possible; no longer than 6 pages in total (12pt font). Applications that exceed this limit will be returned without review. Submit this cover sheet and completed proposal in pdf format to Dr. Diana L. Morris (Executive Director, UCAH) by March 20, 2009 via email at diana.morris@case.edu.

1. Objective (Hypothesis)
2. Research Plan
3. Anticipated Results
4. Significance of Planned Work
5. Plans for Further Work, Including Specific Target Funding Sources for Follow-up Long-term Research Proposals. Proposals with specific targets and strategies will have a much greater chance of funding in this competition.
6. Project Timeline
7. Research Team Members. Identify discipline and role on team.
7. Current Sources of Research Support in this or other areas, and Pending Proposals. (Please give title, agency, amount, etc.)
8. Budget (Please list categories of expense and amounts)