



Prevention Research Center
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

2021-2022 UW Prevention Research Center Small Grant Competition

Request for Proposals: Deadline July 29, 2021

Research Focus

The UW-Madison Prevention Research Center (UWPRC) is pleased to announce the second annual small grant competition to support research promoting maternal and child health and health equity. Grants are intended to support small-scale and innovative research projects, especially those that will provide preliminary data leading to larger research efforts in population health and wellbeing, health equity, or disease prevention for women, children, and families.

Eligibility

All UW-Madison faculty, scientists and post-doctoral fellows conducting health promotion or disease prevention research at UW-Madison are invited to apply. Grants can be single- or multi-investigator.

Budget

Grants will range in value from \$5,000 to \$30,000 for a 12-month period (estimated funding period October 1, 2021-Sept 30, 2022). We anticipate that the average grant will be \$15,000. Funds can be used to support research assistance, data or analysis costs, community engagement efforts, and salary.

For early career investigators, the grant will be awarded with an additional stipend (\$1,500) for a senior faculty mentor to provide ongoing support and feedback related to the funded research and possibly to new grant submissions resulting from the work.

Number of Awards

We expect to fund on average 3-5 projects per year.

Application Process

By July 29th, please submit no more than 8 pages of written narrative and 5 pages of biosketch(es) for all investigators (NIH bio format preferred). Please use single-spaced text, no less than half-inch margins and 11-point font. Materials can be submitted by email to the UWPRC (prc@wisc.edu). They should contain:

- An abstract that can be reviewed by a general audience
- Specific Aims

- Significance
- Methods
- Timeline and expected products
- Statement about IRB / or plans for human subjects
- Requested budget and accompanying narrative using the standard NIH format

The proposal will be reviewed by a committee of three to five academic and community partners.

Proposals on a wide range of topics are invited but should fall under the core research areas of the UWPRC, which include population health and wellbeing, health equity, or disease prevention for women, children, and families.

Community engagement is encouraged but is not required. “Community” may be defined broadly to reflect communities and partners relevant to the specific project proposed.

We expect to notify awarded projects by September 30, 2021. Awarded projects must demonstrate IRB approval or exemption before funding can be released.

Selection Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Alignment with the mission of the UWPRC
 - a. The mission of the UWPRC is to improve the health of low-income women, infants and families through the conduct of high-quality applied health promotion and disease prevention research with a focus on achieving health equity
 - b. Please contact the UWPRC at prc@wisc.edu if you are interested in learning about potential limited technical assistance opportunities offered by our team
2. Potential impact of research on the field of population health and wellbeing, health equity, or disease prevention for women, children, and families
3. Probability that the research will ultimately result in important findings that could be disseminated for academic and non-academic audiences
4. Qualifications of investigator(s). Early career investigators are especially encouraged to apply and will be given priority
5. Feasibility to complete work in expected timeline

If you have any questions, please email the UWPRC team at prc@wisc.edu.