



Prevention Research Center
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

2022-2023 UW Prevention Research Center Small Grant Competition

Request for Proposals: Deadline June 10, 2022

Research Focus

The UW-Madison Prevention Research Center (UWPRC) is pleased to announce the third 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.

Of special interest are proposals that address the following priority areas identified by the UWPRC Community Advisory Board:

- Mental health, including trauma-informed care or schools
- Supporting fathers
- Impacts of child support policies on co-parenting
- High quality, affordable childcare, including for parents with non-standard work schedules
- School readiness
- Socioemotional development or academic achievement, including cognitive delays resulting from parent addiction

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. PIs and investigators on prior PRC small grants will be given lower priority for funding.

Budget

We anticipate that the average award will be \$15,000. The maximum award is \$30,000 for a 12-month period (estimated funding period September 29, 2022-Sept 28, 2023). Funds can be used to support research assistance, data or analysis costs, community engagement efforts, and salary. No cost extensions will not be considered, so please allocate funds to meet needs within the one-year period.

Number of Awards

We expect to fund up to 4 projects.

Application Process

By Friday, June 10th, 5 PM, please submit:

1) No more than 8 pages of written narrative. The narrative should contain:

- An abstract written in plain language that can be reviewed by a non-academic audience (no more than 300 words).
- Specific aims
- Significance
- Methods section clearly describing how your approach will accomplish project aims.
- Community engagement plan, if applicable. Community engagement is encouraged but not required. "Community" may be defined broadly to reflect communities and partners relevant to the specific project proposed.
- Dissemination/Translation plan (no more than 300 words): Please explain the potential real-world applications of your work. Who should know about the results and how would they use those? If your work involves an intervention, who might adopt or cover the costs for sustaining the intervention, if successful? How would you share your findings with these audiences?
- Timeline and expected products
- Plan for IRB approval or exemption, if applicable.

2) No more than 5 pages (per investigator) of NIH format biosketch(es), or a CV accompanied by a paragraph describing the accomplishments and skills of the respective investigator.

3) Requested budget and accompanying narrative using the provided [budget template](#) (file updated 05/31/22).

Please use single-spaced text, no less than half-inch margins, and 11-point font. Materials must be submitted by email to the UWPRC (prc@wisc.edu).

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

Applicants may be asked to give a brief presentation of their proposed research at a meeting of the UWPRC's Community Advisory Board on July 12, 2022. Please hold 9AM to 1PM on July 12, 2022.

We expect to notify awarded projects by July 26, 2022, with an expected award start date of September 29, 2022. Awarded projects must demonstrate IRB approval or exemption before funding can be released. Awardees will need to provide a mid-year and final progress report and be responsive to UWPRC requests for project updates and participation in UWPRC events.

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.

- 2) Responsiveness to the areas of special interest described above.
- 3) Potential impact of research on the field of population health and wellbeing, health equity, or disease prevention for women, children, and families.
- 4) Probability that the research will ultimately result in important findings that could be disseminated for academic and non-academic audiences and provide a basis (e.g. preliminary results) for future research.
- 5) Qualifications of investigator(s). Early career investigators are especially encouraged to apply and will be given priority.
- 6) Feasibility to complete work in expected timeline.

If you have any questions or would like to request Technical Assistance for your application, please email the UWPRC team at prc@wisc.edu.