

**UCLA/Charles R. Drew University - Resource Centers for Minority Aging Research  
“Center for Health Improvement of Minority Elderly” (RCMAR/CHIME)  
and  
UCLA Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI)  
Pilot Project Award 2017-2018**

**Applications are being accepted for one-year Pilot-Project Awards of up to \$40,000 for  
the project period 07/01/2017 - 06/30/2018**

**Who Should Apply:** Applications are being accepted from minority junior- and mid-level faculty and post-doctoral researchers. Applicants are required to have an academic appointment between 07/01/2017 – 6/30/2018 at UCLA or at another academic institution/organization in the greater Los Angeles area. Applicants that are funded will conduct a pilot research project that focuses on minority elderly populations.

**Funding Amount Available:** Three (3) one-year pilot project awards are available. The maximum funding available per pilot project is \$40,000: up to \$20,000 from the RCMAR/CHIME (NIH/NIA Grant #P30-AG021684) and up to \$20,000 from the CTSI (NIH/NCATS Grant #UL1TR001881).

**Focus of Pilot Projects:** Support will be given to pilot research projects that are consistent with the goal of the RCMAR/CHIME, which is: to provide research training and mentoring to minority junior- and mid-level faculty so they can advance their academic careers by conducting research that contributes to the reduction of health disparities affecting minority elders. Typically, pilot projects that are funded involve primary data collection and/or secondary data analysis and aim to address disparities in the healthcare of minority elders. Ideally, these pilot projects also demonstrate effective inter-institutional and/or academic-community partnerships. In addition, the proposed pilot project should lead to publication of at least one (1) first-authored, peer-reviewed manuscript plus subsequent funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), particularly the National Institute on Aging (NIA).

**Note:** We do **not** fund pilot projects focused on basic-science or clinical research (a branch of medical science that determines the safety and effectiveness of medications, devices, diagnostic products and treatment regimens intended for human use).

**Application Timeline:**

1. **By 12pm noon Friday, January 13, 2017**, applicants must submit an online application on the RCMAR/CHIME website – <http://chime.med.ucla.edu/apply> – and upload the required supporting documents (see page 2 for required documents).
2. **By approximately Wednesday, February 1, 2017**, candidates will be notified if they have been selected to prepare and submit proposals and supporting documents.
3. **By approximately Wednesday, March 1, 2017**, selected candidates must submit proposals with supporting documents including a six-page, single-spaced research plan and detailed budgets and other requested documents.
4. Candidates whose proposals are selected for funding will be notified as soon as possible. The full proposals and supporting documents will be forwarded to the NIH/NIA for final approval. The award will then be dispersed after July 1st, 2017.

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**Application Submission and Required Documents:** Applicants must complete and submit the following required documents by **12pm noon, Friday, January 13, 2017:**

1. Complete the required online application form on the RCMAR/CHIME website <http://chime.med.ucla.edu/apply> and
2. Upload the following required documents as Microsoft Word files on the RCMAR/CHIME website <http://chime.med.ucla.edu/apply>
  - A. **A synopsis describing the proposed pilot project.** The synopsis must be single-spaced in Arial font with 11-point typeface, one-inch margins, on 8.5”x11”-size page, limited to a maximum of two (2) pages and must include:
    - i. Title of project;
    - ii. Description of proposed pilot project including brief description of project design, and data to be collected or used in the pilot project;
    - iii. A specific statement about how the proposed pilot project is related to the RCMAR goal of supporting minority junior- and mid-level faculty and post-doctoral fellows who can advance their academic and research careers by conducting a pilot research project that contributes to the reduction of health disparities affecting minority elders;
    - iv. A brief timeline that documents the feasibility of completing the pilot project in one year;
    - v. A specific statement about how this pilot project will inform the applicant’s future research and how it will lead to larger funding by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) or another agency;
    - vi. A description of the applicant and their role on the project; and
    - vii. Proposed mentor(s) and a statement about their involvement and the role they will play in conducting this pilot project.
  - B. **Applicant’s current Curriculum Vitae (CV).**
  - C. **Applicant’s current [NIH Biosketch in the new format.](#)**
  - D. **Mentor’s (s’) current [NIH Biosketch in the new format.](#)**
  - E. **Institutional Letter of Support:** You must submit an institutional letter of support from either your department chair or division chief confirming that you will have a junior- or mid-level faculty appointment between 07/01/2017 and 06/30/2018 and adequate "protected time" during that time period in which to conduct your proposed pilot project.

**Please contact Carole A. Nagy or Art Gongora at [rcmarchime@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:rcmarchime@mednet.ucla.edu) with any questions.**

For more information about the RCMAR/CHIME and the UCLA CTSI visit <http://chime.med.ucla.edu/> and <http://www.ctsi.ucla.edu/>.

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