

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

2025-2026 TRIO PILOT RESEARCH PROJECT COMPETITION

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PROPOSALS DUE:
Monday, March 17, 2025

FUNDING NOTIFICATIONS:
April 2025

PROJECT PERIOD:
July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

The Pension Research Council (PRC) and Boettner Center, the Center for Health Incentives and Behavioral Economics (CHIBE), and the Population Studies Center (PSC) invite investigators to submit pilot proposals for the annual Trio Pilot Research Project competition.

Pilot funds are targeted to support small-scale, innovative or exploratory projects with a duration of one year. Funded projects must have the potential to generate academic publications and priority will be given to projects with potential to develop small-scale or preliminary research findings that would lead to applications for extramural funding, especially to the National Institutes of Health.

Total costs are generally limited to \$10,000–\$20,000 per application; however, larger budgets may be considered if the project is well-suited for generating applications for NIH funding.

ELIGIBILITY

Any faculty or researcher with an active appointment at the University of Pennsylvania is eligible to submit a proposal. Postdocs and PhD students may apply with a faculty member in a mentoring role on the project. Colleagues at other universities may be co-investigators as long as a member of the Penn research community is the Principal Investigator. **Early career scholars are encouraged to apply and priority consideration will be given to their applications.**

Funds may be used to support undergraduate or graduate research assistants, summer salary, data collection, analyses of secondary data sets, publication costs, etc. If your proposed pilot includes a [foreign component](#) or if you have any questions, please contact Abby Dolinger at abdol@sas.upenn.edu.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Submission documents and guidelines can be found here: <https://www.pop.upenn.edu/pilot-awards/pilot-project-competition>. Submit your proposal here: https://www.med.upenn.edu/apps/itmat/pg/my_proposals.

Proposals focusing on Population Health, Life-Course and Healthy Aging in the following areas are encouraged:

- New Dynamics of Population Diversity (*population composition, migration, race, health inequality, aging and mortality*)
- Human Resources and Endowments
- International Population Research
- Population and the Environment
- Big Data and Population Science
- Health Disparities in Aging
- Aging and Household Finance
- Reproductive Health
- Health Care and Long-Term Care in Older Adults
- Early-Life Conditions and Older Adult Health, Behavior and Well-Being
- Global Aging and Health
- Lab or Field-based Behavioral Interventions
- Economic Causes & Consequences of Global Aging
- Mechanisms for Sustained behavior change
- Food is Medicine