

**The Sticht Center on Aging, Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity and the Hypertension and Vascular Research Center, Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center
Pilot Grant Request for Applications (RFA)
Health Disparities in Aging and Cardiometabolic Diseases
2015 - 2016**

Pilot Project RFA Description

Racial and ethnic health disparities are pervasive and complex in origin. These disparities are particularly prominent in cardiometabolic diseases. To that end, The Sticht Center on Aging, Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity and the Hypertension and Vascular Research Center are collaborating to provide funds to support one pilot research project focused on *Health Disparities in Aging and Cardiometabolic Diseases* (including heart disease, stroke and other vascular diseases, diabetes/pre-diabetes, hypertension/pre-hypertension, hyperlipidemia, obesity, inflammation). This award is open to WFBMC faculty who are current members of one or more of these Centers. Additionally, external collaborations from other institutions are encouraged.

Applicants may request up to *\$30,000* to complete a one-year project. Funds may be used to support project management staff, equipment and supplies, travel, and other resources to ensure successful data collection. Successful submissions must have within their grant application a delineation of a clear path to development of an extramural grant submission using data from the pilot project. Applicants are also encouraged to utilize resources of the Cores of each of the Center. More information on these resources is available on the Centers' websites:

- Sticht Center on Aging: <http://www.wakehealth.edu/agingresearch/>
- Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity: www.wakehealth.edu/mache
- Hypertension and Vascular Research Center: <http://www.wakehealth.edu/Hypertension/>

Award Expectations:

The following are expectations of the awardee either during the funding period or within one year after the end of the project period:

- Submission of a brief mid-year progress report and a full year project report within 30 days of the end of the one year period;
- Presentation of project findings at a meeting of one or more of the Centers within 60 days of the end of the project period;
- Submission of abstracts for scientific presentations at regional or national meetings, and submission of manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals within one year after the end of the project period;
- Development and submission of a grant application for external funding within one year after the end of the project period

Guidelines:

The project can be led by a single Principal Investigator or co-PIs. For co-PIs, please explain the role of each PI.

- At least one PI must have a primary appointment on the Wake Forest School of Medicine faculty and be a member of one of the three Centers sponsoring this RFA (information on Center membership can be obtained on the respective Centers' website).
- Only one proposal will be accepted per faculty member as PI.
- The appropriateness of the budget will be determined based on the likelihood that the proposed investment will generate research data for publications and grant applications.
- Submissions that do not have a viable plan for subsequent external research funding will not be considered.
- Proposals which do not adhere to the required format (including page limitations) will be returned without review.
- A final report on all projects is due two months following completion of the project.
- Pilot grant funds will be available for a **project start date of August 1st, 2015**.

Application Process and Timeline:

Applications are due by **5:00PM on July 3rd, 2015 to Winona Gilbert in the Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity**. Details of the application are below:

- Format Specifications
 - Font size no smaller than 11 point. Margins at least 0.5 inches (sides, top & bottom). Single spaced lines on consecutively numbered pages.
- Face Page
 - The face page including PI (Co-PI, if applicable) and Co-I contact information.
- Abstract
 - No more than 300 words.
- Scientific Proposal (Maximum 6 pages)
 - Specific Aims, Significance, Innovation, Experimental Design and Methods.
- Anticipated Outcomes (Maximum 1 page)
 - Including predicted results and targeted external grant applications (with likely amounts to be sought)
- References (no page limit)
- Budget and justification (template plus 1 page)
 - Complete the budget template form provided and attach a brief budget justification for the funds requested for this RFA. Please indicate in the justification availability of other resources that may be leveraged by the funding of the proposed research plan. If the proposed research is to be carried out on more than one campus, please include detail in the budget template and justification.
- NIH-style biographical sketch for PI and all co-investigators. In the personal statement include a description of your interest and experience in research in the topic area.
- **All documents should be included and submitted in a single PDF document.**

Review Criteria:

Proposals will be reviewed by at least two reviewers. Only brief review comments will be provided to all PIs. Proposals will be ranked for overall impact by the review committee and based on the NIH review process working on a scale of 1 (exceptional) to 9 (poor). The primary review criteria are as follows:

- The quality of the science and the proposed research
- Fit with institutional research priorities

- Strength of the investigative team
- Relevance of the work to health disparities
- Research feasibility (approach) and innovation
- The likelihood that this investment will lead to a return in the form of external funding

Please contact **Ronny Bell (rbell@wakehealth.edu)** for any questions related to the details of the application/submission process.