Request for Proposals for Developmental Awards

The Duke University Population Research Institute (DuPRI) is a National Institutes of Health funded interdisciplinary research organization bringing together researchers from the biological, economic, mathematical, psychological, statistical, sociological, and policy sciences at Duke. The Institute seeks to advance science in the area of demography and population science, as well as expand the current boundaries of demographic investigation.

DuPRI is soliciting proposals for small grants to support research in Health & Human Development and Aging. The purpose of these awards is to provide seed money for new ideas in population research that will lead to applications for outside independent funding especially from NIH. Junior faculty members receive priority consideration.

AWARD: DuPRI intends to fund 3 grants in the amount of $15,000 to $25,000 range for one year. Larger awards or multi-year projects may be considered at the discretion of the DuPRI Executive Committee. Funding is provided jointly by the National Institutes of Health and the Office of the Provost.

DEADLINES: Deadline for proposal submission is March 15th, for funding that will be available July 1st. Notice of intent: although not required, interested applicants are requested to contact the DuPRI administrator by email at heather.tipaldos@duke.edu before March 15th to assist in planning for the review process.

THE APPLICATION:

1. **Cover letter:** In no more than 2 pages, please provide the applicants contact information, including name, phone, fax, email, mailing address, and actual campus location AND address the following:
   a) To what degree is the proposal consistent with DuPRI’s priorities?
   b) How will the project facilitate future independent funding?
   c) Will the project support the development of new population researchers, and if so, how?

2. **Research Plan:** Background, hypotheses, methods and plan of analysis, not to exceed three pages

3. **Budget:** Requested line item budget and justification, not to exceed three pages.

4. **Biosketch:** Biosketch (4 pages) in the NIH format.

The application must not exceed 12 pages and will be submitted by email in a single .pdf document. Applications will be screened and awarded through competitive peer review.
REVIEW PANEL CRITERIA: Originality of idea, ability of investigator to execute the award, and the prospect of successfully applying for further funding. Proposals from junior investigators will receive priority consideration.

NIH CRITERIA: Reasonable expectation of publications and subsequent independent funding. Proposals from female and minority investigators will be given special consideration in the review process.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS/EXPECTATIONS:

- Applicants must possess the terminal degree in their field, hold a faculty appointment at Duke University, and be eligible for membership as an Associate or Affiliate of DuPRI. Awardees who are not members of DuPRI will be expected to become an Associate or Affiliate of the Institute;
- Post-doctoral and graduate students are not eligible as Principal Investigators but may receive support to assist in the research;
- Due to funding limits, faculty requesting salary support must consult with the DuPRI Director before submitting a proposal;
- Investigators who have already received a DuPRI small grant within the last three years are unlikely to be funded a second time;
- Experienced researchers will only be considered for innovative proposals for which they have access to no other types of funding;
- Awardees are expected to acknowledge DuPRI and the NIH as supporting their research on all papers and presentations resulting from this funding;
- Awardees will report funding, publications, and major conference presentations resulting from this award to DuPRI for a period of 3 years following the completion on the award.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
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If you are unsure of the relevance of the proposed project to DuPRI’s priorities and objectives, please contact Seth Sanders, DuPRI Director at Seth.Sanders@duke.edu with a copy to heather.tipaldos@duke.edu.