

**CENTER ON THE DEMOGRAPHY AND
ECONOMICS OF HEALTH AND AGING (CDEHA)**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Deadline for Submission: Friday, June 30, 2000

Award Date: Friday, September 1, 2000

New Project Support

CDEHA has \$60,000 in funding to award 2 to 3 pilot projects on the demography and economics of health and aging. The purpose of these awards is:

- (1) To develop and nurture promising new small-scale projects in CDEHA's program areas, to provide recipient investigators with opportunities for critical review and concept development through consultation with experienced investigators with diverse perspectives, and to support work that will lead to applications for larger-scale funding through peer-reviewed research or career development awards.
- (2) To support joint research efforts with leading young investigators, including pre- and post-doctoral trainees, and thereby encourage the pursuit of careers in the study of issues in demography and economics of health and aging.
- (3) To enhance and reinforce Stanford's existing international research networks in medical technology change and demography, in developed and under-developed countries, with the long-term objective of integrating the two programs.

About the Center for Demography and Economics of Health and Aging

CDEHA was created through a grant awarded to Stanford University's Center for Primary Care and Outcomes Research (PCOR) by the National Institute on Aging. CDEHA was created to promote the study of trends in demography, economics, health, and health care and the effects of these trends on the well being of the elderly through performing research and training new investigators. CDEHA's program areas include:

- (1) The effects of medical technology on costs, outcomes, and the well-being of the elderly;
- (2) Longitudinal and cohort studies of medical care, costs and health and economic outcomes of older populations, in the United States and other countries;
- (3) Economics of retirement and demographic change, including studies of retirement and life-cycle savings, health and retirement, and the impact of demographic change on public policies; and
- (4) International population studies.

For more information, please visit the CDEHA website at <http://healthpolicy.stanford.edu/CDEHA/>.

The Center for Primary Care and Outcomes Research, along with the Center for Health Policy, is dedicated to education and rigorous investigation to guide health policy and clinical practices. For more information about PCOR/CHP, refer to our web site: <http://healthpolicy.stanford.edu>.

Eligibility

Eligibility is restricted to Stanford faculty, post-doctoral fellows and visiting scholars, with preference given to junior faculty and post-doctoral fellows. Junior applicants are encouraged to submit proposals in cooperation with a senior faculty member who agrees to act as the applicant's mentor. Stanford is committed to increasing the representation of women and minority groups and particularly encourages applications from such candidates.

Application Procedures

Interested researchers should submit the following:

- 1) *Cover Page* which includes: name, title, home department, mailcode, phone number and fax number; title of project, name of mentor, year of award and total dollar amount requested.
- 2) *Two-page Proposal* that includes: Specific Aims, Background and Significance, Preliminary Studies, Research Plan, Human Subjects, and Literature Cited.
- 3) *Budget* Funds may be used to support faculty salary and fringe benefits, equipment, data acquisition, research assistant time as needed, and other justifiable project costs. Budgets must meet federal standards. The federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-21 defines the standards for cost accounting in colleges and universities. A-21 and other federal regulations define what is allowable and unallowable. For a discussion of the University's cost policy, refer to <http://www-portfolio.stanford.edu:80/200064>. This will guide you to the University's "Discussion of Allowability" at <http://co.stanford.edu/resources/gldesc.html#allowability> and details about A-21 at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/OMB/circulars/a021/a021.html>.

The completed proposal must be submitted, electronically, by Friday, June 30, 2000. Please send proposals to Pamela Renna, at renna@stanford.edu. Proposals may be in Word, WordPerfect or Adobe.

In addition to submitting a written proposal and budget, interested researchers will be asked to present their proposal for evaluation to the CDEHA Advisory Committee during the period July 7, 2000-August 31, 2000, outlining specific aims and proposed methodology.

Evaluation Criteria

Awards will be given based on the written proposal, oral presentation and subsequent questions and answers. The Advisory Committee will rank applications based on the scientific merit of the proposal and the overall fit of the proposal to the CDEHA program areas.

Expectations of New Project Support Recipients

For junior-level new project support recipients, the CDEHA project director may designate a senior faculty member from the Advisory Committee to act as CDEHA mentor. Recipients must meet with their designated senior faculty mentor and their CDEHA mentor (if appointed) to review the academic and scientific progress of the recipient and the project. Recipients will be required to make an oral report to the CDEHA Advisory Committee six months after receiving an award (c. March 2001). A written progress report or publication manuscript should accompany this oral presentation. Recipients will also be invited to attend an Annual CDEHA Conference, which will feature presentations and discussion of funded research. At this time, support recipients will be expected to submit a written report, publication manuscript or grant proposal to an external government funding agency or private foundation.

New project support funds will be distributed to recipients based upon the successful completion of these specific milestones and on the recommendation of a recipient's senior faculty mentor.

Future Funding

Up to one additional year of new project support may be made available. However, support recipients are expected to seek additional funding from other sources.

For more information regarding this funding opportunity, please contact Jennifer Haroon, CHP/PCOR, at haroon@healthpolicy.stanford.edu (email) or 650-723-1020 (phone).