



**Request for Pilot Proposals on LGBTQ+ Aging**  
Center on Aging and Population Sciences (CAPS)

**Proposal Deadline:** February 16, 2024

We invite investigators to submit proposals for pilot funding to support research projects focused on LGBTQ+ population aging. These pilot research projects would be funded for the period from **July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026**. Pilot projects may be funded up to \$40,000 in direct costs. Guidelines for the proposal format are indicated below.

**Note that we will be submitting these proposals in 2024 to be funded in the summer of 2025, 15 months later.**

Questions may be addressed to:

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Submit proposals to [caps@utexas.edu](mailto:caps@utexas.edu)

Subject: Attn: Pilot Project Proposal

### **Pilot Project Goals**

We seek cutting-edge research to illuminate how biological, psychosocial, and environmental factors intersect throughout the life course to generate disparities in health and well-being at older ages in LGBTQ+ populations. **The focus of these pilot proposals is limited to LGBTQ+ populations and aging.**

Proposals will be given priority that address:

- Life course precursors of later life health and well-being
- Family demography, social engagement, and social isolation
- Place and health including neighborhoods, geographic region, and other indicators of place

Pilot projects should be designed to support the development of a larger research project that will be submitted under an NIA grant mechanism (R03, R01, R21). Pilot projects are not intended to support work to complete a study or as an addendum to an existing project. NIA considers the success rate of grants submitted from the pilot projects when making decisions about funding future CAPS pilot projects.

### **Budget**

Pilot projects may be funded up to \$40,000 in direct costs. Pilot project budgets may be used to cover expenses related to the proposed study within guidelines for federally allowable expenses, including summer salary. Indirect costs should be included using your institution's federally negotiated rate. In special circumstances, larger budgets will be considered. To prepare a budget for the application, please contact [grants@prc.utexas.edu](mailto:grants@prc.utexas.edu)

Project time periods are for one year, and all proposed work must be accomplished during that period. Again, this is an important metric in reporting to NIA on the success of our pilot program.

## Pilot Project Proposal Requirements (See template below)

- **Investigators and affiliations**
- **Project title**
- **Statement of the purpose of the pilot in one sentence: This pilot project will do XXX.**
- **Text of the Proposal (approximately 2 pages total)**
  - **Specific Aims**
  - **Significance and Methods**
  - **One to two sentences explicating the innovation. Examples: “This project innovates by XXX”, “This projects extends research in this area by doing XXX”**
  - **Match with CAPS Themes**
- **End Products**  
**Please state the phrase as: The R01 or R21 arising from this project will go beyond the pilot by doing XXX/examining XXX/applying this method to XXX**
- **Timeline (approx. ¼ page)**
  - Tasks and goals for the project broken down by quarters.
  - Plan for submitting larger grant to NIA, specifying the mechanism
- **Budget (approx. ½ to 1 page)**
  - Detailed budget
  - Budget justification
- **NIH Biosketch**

**Please format your proposal using the template at the end of this announcement**

Projects selected for funding will also be required to provide an NIH section on human subjects

- **NIH protection of human subjects information including enrollment table**
- **IRB approval**

### Review Criteria

- Topic area: Alignment with LGBTQ+ populations, CAPS themes and population science
- Potential impact and innovation: Extending prior science via cutting-edge methodology
- Scientific design: Including conceptual framework, methodology, and measurement
- Feasibility: Timeline and budget appropriate for project goals and design
- End product goals: Presentations, publications, and grant submission
- Investigators:
  - Early stage investigators:
    - Track record of publication
    - Strong interest in grant proposal process and intention to submit a proposal
    - Consultants and mentors appropriate for the project
  - Mid-career and senior investigators
    - History of high impact research
    - Funding record
    - Investigative team has high potential for funding from NIA
- Project teams including investigators who are:
  - New to aging research
  - From under-represented groups
  - Multidisciplinary
- Collaboration with other NIA funded P30 centers also is encouraged

**PLEASE USE THIS TEMPLATE IN PREPARING YOUR PROPOSAL**

**Principal Investigator and affiliation**

Example Applicant, Assistant Professor, Sociology, the University of Texas at Austin

**Co-Investigator and affiliation**

Example Co-Investigator, Professor, Economics, the University of Texas at Austin

**Project Title**

Disability of a family member, caregiving behavior, and caregiver health outcomes in middle and late adulthood

**Statement of Purpose**

The purpose of this project is to establish the feasibility of XXX/generate administrative linkages between XX dataset and XX records/

**Aims – Please present a brief snapshot of each Aim here:**

**Aim 1.** XXXX

**Aim 2.** XXX

**Significance**

**Innovation (see note on p. 2)**

**Method – Please develop each Aim here**

Provide scientific premise, public health significance, goals for each Aim  
Research design for each Aim.

**CAPS Themes**

Provide a paragraph that indicates how the proposed Aims and research questions are linked to one or more of the themes.

**End product – Indicate the plan for a larger NIA grant proposal**

The ultimate goal of this project is to prepare an R01 application to the NIA about disparities in XXXX. The R01 or R21 arising from this project will go beyond the pilot by doing XXX/examining XXX/applying this method to XXX To achieve this goal, the investigators will use the pilot data to XXXX.

**Timeline**

Prepare a detailed timeline for each quarter of the year of the pilot proposal.

<b>Quarter</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Activities</b>
1	July – Sept, 2024	
2	Oct – Dec, 2024	
3	Jan – March, 2025	
4	April – June, 2025	Prepare R01 for submission date October 2025

**Budget**

**Biosketch**

Provide an NIH formatted biosketch for each investigator.

Biosketch format pages instructions and samples are available here:

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm>