



Two Summer 2026 Proposal-Writing Opportunities

UT Austin-based and External Faculty Affiliates of the Population Research Center (PRC) or the Texas Center on Aging and Population Sciences (CAPS) are invited to participate in a joint proposal-writing workshop to be held this coming summer. This joint workshop is designed to teach the craft of grant preparation, including conceptualizing the project, forming a research team, writing the scientific components, managing the forms, budgeting, and understanding the review process. After participating in the workshop, participants are expected to have a draft proposal. Applicants must commit to submitting their proposals to NIH through either PRC or CAPS in fall 2026 or early spring 2027.

The workshop will involve 4 or 5 group meetings, but will also require intensive proposal writing between meetings. Participants will need to dedicate significant time this summer to the workshop and their proposals.

The table below offers more details about the joint summer workshop and how it relates to each center's program, as well as directions for applying.

Program	PRC Summer-Intensive Grant-Writing Program	CAPS Proposal Preparation Program
Deadline:	March 27	March 27
Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PRC Faculty Scholars and External Faculty Affiliates who have not yet been PI on an R01. • PRC postdoctoral scholars must receive prior approval from the Development Director before applying. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All affiliates of CAPS or a CAPS associated network have not yet received an R01. • Any Early Stage Investigator Pilot awardee will receive priority for inclusion.
Dates:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 to 5 virtual meetings over the summer, primarily in June and July. • One preliminary meeting in late May 	
Target Funder:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority is for proposals to the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), Population Dynamics Branch • Secondary targets are other NIH institutes, National Science Foundation, or private foundations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority is for proposals to the National Institute on Aging (NIA)
Priority topics:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population health and well-being • Reproductive, maternal, and infant health • Family demography and human development • Education, work, and institutions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demography and economics of aging • Biosocial processes • Family and social engagement • Socioeconomic and institutional contexts
Application requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A one-page draft of Specific Aims page that includes the goals of the project and the planned methodology. See NIH guidelines here. • A one page statement that includes: 1) a paragraph explaining how the planned project fits one or more PRC or CAPS priority topics listed above, and 2) a description of why this project is a logical next step in the applicant's research program, what funding agency and mechanism (e.g., R01, K01, R21, R03) they are targeting, and whether their project will include collaborators at UT or elsewhere. • An NIH formatted biosketch: Biosketch format pages instructions, and samples are available here. 	
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