

Request for Proposals

POPULATION RESEARCH AND EFFECTIVENESS CORE

Claude D. Pepper Older Americans Independence Center

This Request for Proposals is the first in a series of new activities to further promote and support population based research in geriatric palliative care. The Population Research and Effectiveness Core (<u>https://icahn.mssm.edu/research/oaic/core-research</u>) of the OAIC supports research that leverages existing data on cohorts of older adults into clinical and policy advances in geriatric palliative care. In support of this mission, this Request for Proposals will fund investigators performing pilot/exploratory studies in population based geriatric/palliative care research.

<u>Goals and Target Audience</u>: This funding will support small-to-moderate sized pilot/exploratory studies that will advance the independent research careers of **ISMMS faculty and advanced trainees across departments and centers at Mount Sinai**. The funding is intended to support investigators preparing to apply for NIH or foundation funded studies (K or R series) focusing on geriatric/palliative care using **population based data**. Examples of such data include Medicare claims and administrative data, Health and Retirement Study data, NHATS data, Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey data, SEER registry data, and the Palliative Care Research Cooperative repository data.

<u>Scope and Deliverables</u>: Requests should be for a period of up to 12 months, for an amount not to exceed \$16,000. Requests for renewal will be considered in future years. Uses of funds include the purchase of software, data, or analyst services. Results of research should lead to a first-authored manuscript by the principal investigator and/or preliminary data for a research grant application. In either case, a condition of funding is a clearly defined plan as to how the investigator will use the results of the project to develop larger, funded research grant applications.

<u>Submission</u>: Interested applicants should submit a proposal by December 21st consisting of:

- * Background/Specific Aims (1 page)
- * Research Strategy (3 pages, excluding references).
- * Budget (1 page).
- * NIH-style bio sketch.

Please contact Melissa Aldridge (<u>Melissa.Aldridge@mssm.edu</u>) with any questions or to discuss potential projects. All materials should be submitted via email to <u>Katelyn.Ferreira@mssm.edu</u> with the subject line "RFP - Pilot/Exploratory Studies in Population Based Geriatric Palliative Care Research".

<u>Review and Selection</u>: Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis by the Claude D. Pepper Older Americans Independence Center Review Committee, which will meet to critique, discuss, and score proposals using NIH review criteria within 2 months of their submission. Committee members will recuse themselves for applications on which they are listed as investigator or collaborator.