Limited Submission Funding Opportunity

National Institutes of Health

Claude D. Pepper Older Americans Independence Centers (OAIC) (P30)


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The OAIC awards are designed to develop or strengthen awardee institutions’ programs that focus and sustain progress on a key area in aging research. Each area of focus is one in which progress could contribute to greater independence for older persons and offer opportunities for education in aging research.

NIA’s expectation is that an OAIC, in a given area of focus, will:

- Provide intellectual leadership and innovation;
- Facilitate and develop novel multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary research strategies;
- Stimulate incorporation of emerging technologies, methods and scientific advances into research designs as appropriate;
- Provide research education for future leaders in geriatric research;
- Stimulate translation between basic and clinical research, e.g., research to develop or test interventions or diagnostic tests based on new findings from basic aging research or other basic research, or studies to improve understanding of mechanisms contributing to clinical or functional findings;
- Promote translation of clinical research findings into practice in relevant healthcare settings (see also "Health Services Research as an Area of Focus" below);
- Collaborate substantially with other OAICs on multi-center projects such as integrating data systems, supporting multi-center observational studies, and providing infrastructure to support multi-site clinical trials, including pragmatic trials;
- Interface where possible with other NIA-funded programs and centers; e.g., Resource Centers for Minority Aging Research (RCMARs), Centers on the Demography and Economics of Aging, Roybal Centers, Alzheimer's Disease Centers (ADCs), Nathan Shock Centers;
- Leverage institutional resources, including other NIH-supported programs and centers, to achieve the OAIC's aims with efficiency; and
- Serve as a source of advice and collaboration to other investigators locally and on a large-scale regarding technology, methodology, analysis, or other expertise.

An OAIC may select an area of research focus from a broad range of topics, including but not limited to:
• Aging–related issues concerning a specific condition contributing to loss of independence in older persons, e.g., role of aging changes in the etiology of the condition, special issues in the diagnosis, treatment, or prevention of the condition in old age; complications, disability, or symptoms from the condition found principally in older persons.
• Causes, assessment, prevention, treatment (including rehabilitation) of a specific type of disability in older persons.
• Causes, prevention, and treatment of a geriatric syndrome (e.g., sarcopenia, falls, incontinence) that is related to multiple pathologies and/or disabilities.
• Specific aging-related physiologic changes, other risk factors, and/or interventions (e.g., physical activity) that affect risk for multiple conditions or disabilities in old age.
• Interactions of multiple diseases, disabilities, and interventions (e.g., medications) in older persons, and their relationship to risk of morbidity, progression of disability, and efficacy of prevention or treatment strategies.
• Factors contributing to amelioration or delay of multiple deleterious aging changes by modulating risk factors or fundamental aging mechanisms.

An OAIC application should not include major foci on cognition or behavioral and social sciences, as these are more appropriate for other NIA programs that also use the Center mechanism.

**LIMIT ON NUMBER OF PROPOSALS PER ORGANIZATION**
Only one application per institution (normally identified by having a unique DUNS number or NIH IPF number) is allowed.

**KEY DATES**
Internal Letter of Intent Due: July 27, 2015 (by midnight)
Sponsor Proposal Due: October 21, 2015

**SUBMITTING A MANDATORY LETTER OF INTENT**

Faculty members interested in applying are required to submit a letter of intent (LOI). An LOI is required but not binding.

1. Click [here](#) to access the form.
2. Name the LOI as follows: “LastName-FirstInitial-LOI-NIH-OAIC-P30”, replacing “LastName” with your last name and “First Initial” with your first initial.
3. Click on the Vault ticket: [https://vault2.northwestern.edu/xythoswfs/webui/_xy-e6651166_1-t_NaPAMQBS](https://vault2.northwestern.edu/xythoswfs/webui/_xy-e6651166_1-t_NaPAMQBS)
4. Click the Upload button.
5. Click the Browse button and navigate to your file on your hard drive or network.
6. Click the OK button.

Note: You will get a tiny confirmation message upon upload. If you do not see it, you may contact Karen Cielo, [k-cielo@northwestern.edu](mailto:k-cielo@northwestern.edu) for a confirmation.

**COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES**
The Office of Research Development offers assistance in identifying and facilitating collaborations, putting together interdisciplinary teams, programmatic and administrative development of large, cross-school proposals, and leveraging institutional resources for outreach and education. Contact Fruma Yehiely (yehiely@northwestern.edu), Associate Vice President for Research, Director of ORD, for more information.

**CONTACT AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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