

New Investigator Award

Goal of the New Investigator Award

Cal PREPARE's New Investigator Award Program was created to provide support for upcoming investigators to work on projects that relate to Public Health Systems Research. The award enables new investigators the ability to incorporate specialties, disciplines, and research techniques outside of traditional methods to public health systems research.

It is the intent of the New Investigator Award to provide individuals with the opportunities to develop and expand on research activities with Cal PREPARE Project Lead Investigators and to offer the Project Lead Investigators input and feedback in using different techniques and current trends in research.

A UC Berkeley Cal PREPARE team member will be assigned to provide consultation and assistance to the new investigator.

Evaluation and Critique

New investigator applications will be evaluated on their innovation, research design, background of the new investigator, potential for collaboration, and relevance and synergy to Cal PREPARE's vision and mission. Priority will be given to projects that demonstrate a potential for further research and can be used in a substantial grant application in the future.

Eligibility

A qualifying individual for the new research investigator award needs:

- (1) Completed their training at a doctoral level from UC Berkeley or the Monterey Institute of International Studies
- (2) Not received NIH, CDC, or equivalent level funding as a Principal Investigator

Deadlines and Important Dates

November 7, 2011: Award Applications Released

December 5, 2011: Application Deadline

December 6-15, 2011: Committee Review

December 16, 2011: Awardees Notified

January 2, 2012 – September 29, 2012: Award Period

Funding Availability

Funds up to \$30,000 will be available for the new investigator award. One (1) award application will be funded for the FY 2011-2012. Funds available can be allocated for professional development opportunities, travel and meeting expenses and other project related expenses such as data collection, supplies, web-phone meetings and other pre-approved expenses. The funds awarded will support direct costs only; no indirect support will be provided. Funds may not be used for equipment and capital expenditures.

New Investigator Application

Applicants for the Cal PREPARE New Investigator Award should submit a completed application packet with a project proposal.

The project proposal should include a detailed description of the project, specific aims, how the project fits into the overall mission and vision of Cal PREPARE, research and design methods, project timeline, and the benefit of the project. Please limit the project proposal to 10 pages.

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Application packet should include:

1. Application Form
2. Executive Summary summarizing study design and methods (No more than 1 page)
3. Biosketch, resume, or CV
4. Project Proposal that includes specific aims, background and significance, research design and methods, and references. (No more than 5 pages. Please use 11 point font, double spaced, and numbered)
5. A description of how preliminary data will be used in a future grant proposal.
6. Proposed Budget
7. Budget Justification

Application Submission

An electronic version of all application materials merged into **one PDF file** should be emailed to csiador@berkeley.edu and dysart@berkeley.edu. Application packets need to be **received by 5:00 pm on December 5, 2011**. If you are unable to send a PDF file, please mail the completed packet to:

UC Berkeley Cal PREPARE/CIDER
New Investigator Program
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Deadline for receipt of the completed applications is December 5, 2011 by 5:00 pm. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Please submit all components of the application to be considered for funding.