

Pilot Project Program

Goal

The goal of the pilot project program is to provide seed money to encourage innovation and creativity to attract new ideas and key personnel into public health systems research focused on creating and maintaining sustainable preparedness and response systems.

Proposal Evaluation Criteria

Pilot project applications will be evaluated on their innovation, research design, background of the applicant, potential for collaboration, and relevance/synergy to Cal PREPARE's vision and mission. Priority will be given to projects that demonstrate a potential for further public health systems research.

Eligibility

Qualifying projects can be submitted from:

- (1) Established investigators embarking on a new area of research from UC Berkeley, Monterey Institute for International Studies, state and local health departments in California;
- (2) Doctoral level students interested in public health systems research from UC Berkeley and the Monterey Institute for International Studies.

Funding Availability

Funds up to \$15,000 will be available for the pilot project program. Two to three pilot project awards will be funded for the FY 2011-2012. Funds are available 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.

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

Pilot Project Program Application

Applicants for the Cal PREPARE Pilot Project Program should submit a completed application packet with a project proposal. The project proposal should include aims of the project, background and significance of the project, research and design methods, relevant past studies and research activities, how the project fits into the overall mission and vision of Cal PREPARE, and project timeline.

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. Proposed Budget
6. 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
Pilot Project Program
1918 University Avenue, 4th Floor, MC 7350
Berkeley, CA 94704-7350

Deadline for receipt of 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.