PURPOSE

The Center for Innovation in Healthy and Resilient Aging (CIHRA) is an interdisciplinary and interprofessional endeavor at ASU to promote research, training, and education that helps solve challenges in aging. The majority of CIHRA’s efforts focus on innovative wellness, strength-based, and resilience- and capacity-building research opportunities that would translate into positive change from the level of the individuals and families, to organizations and systems, and ultimately to communities and local, national, and global policies.

CIHRA is inviting applications for its Faculty Scholars Awards from interdisciplinary teams composed of at least 2 Scholars from different disciplines (see below) and preferably two different colleges or schools to propose 1- to 2-year research projects.

Proposals led by faculty researchers that have at least one of the PIs or Co-PIs from the following fields are strongly encouraged: health and human services; social and behavioral sciences; arts, humanities, and design; journalism; and law. Applications will be accepted on a range of topics. They may include but are not limited to health promotion, disease prevention, and palliative and end-of-life care.

In their proposals, Faculty Scholars must:

- identify a key issue in aging;
- describe a study they would undertake to address the issue from an interdisciplinary perspective;
- submit a copy of the national funding announcement they will target at the end of their CIHRA award.

Scholars would also be expected to participate in monthly CIHRA meetings and related activities across all years of involvement, including proposal feedback and updates, and submit a brief (1-page) progress report due within 2 weeks at the end of each semester of funding. In consultation with CIHRA leadership, the Scholars will be encouraged to develop publications, presentations, and a grant opportunity appropriate to research career goals and the nature of research.

For more information about CIHRA, visit our website.

ELIGIBILITY

Applications are invited from both tenured and tenure-track ASU faculty. Projects may include collection of pilot data, evaluation of new methods or measures, secondary analysis, or related topics. Please adjust your budget appropriately.

Items not supported:

1. Projects previously funded, unless the need for the proposed project can be justified (e.g., utilization of new instruments, interventions, or analytical techniques).
2. Travel for presentation of research findings.
APPLICATION

Maximum dollar amount to request is $45,000 in total costs, which can be allocated across either one or two academic years. Budgets must include ASU administrative costs (i.e., ASC, Risk Management, and Technology). Total costs = direct costs + administrative costs.

Format: 11-point type (any readable fonts, e.g., Arial, Times Roman), 1/2” margins, single-spaced; figures and tables can be 10 point.

Use only the Application Form, plus two (2) additional single-spaced pages to address Items A through D in the Project Description below. Complete applications must include Items A-F.

Project Description to include:

A. Goals and Specific Aims of the project and identification of a national program announcement related to the proposed project. Include a link or copy with your application. This announcement will usually be at the level of an R21 or higher from the National Institutes of Health ($275,000 or higher in direct costs).

B. Significance and Innovation.

C. Methods/Approach.

D. Provide a timeline for project that includes a timeline for the submission of a proposal for a national grant/award. Note: Faculty Scholar Award recipients are expected to submit a proposal within 12 months of the completion of their project.

E. Budget and justification, limited to two pages. Include administrative costs at 8.5% in calculation of your total costs.

F. Four-page Biosketch (e.g., NIH Biosketch) for each Faculty Scholar. Include a list of currently funded research projects and pending proposals for this and related work.

EVALUATION

Proposals will be evaluated by CIHRA’s Faculty Scholar Awards Committee using the following criteria:

1. Evidence that the grant will enhance the applicant’s ability to submit a strong application relevant to the national program announcement.

2. The project (and the future project it supports) addresses an important problem or issue in aging.

3. The project (or the future project it supports) challenges current research or paradigms.

4. The project uses novel theoretical concepts, approaches, methods, interventions, or instrumentation.

5. The project’s research goals, specific aims, and approach are clearly articulated.

6. The timeline is realistic and outlines steps to a national research proposal submission.

7. The Faculty Scholars demonstrate a sustained or emerging record of research and scholarly activity.

8. The requested budget and associated timeline are appropriate for the proposed activity.
Submissions are due by 5 pm on November 5, 2021. Project start date is January 10, 2022; other start dates must be justified in the proposal.

Please submit all documents as one pdf file and include this as the cover page for your submission. This cover page, including the half-page of space below, does not count toward your 2-page limit to complete Items A-D of the Project Description. You may begin your application in the space below.

Email your completed application to Angelica Jaszewski. Awards will be announced by December 2021.

Project Title:

Faculty Scholars
By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand and agree to the policies and procedures described above.

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