



Solicitation of Proposals for One-Year “P-2-R” (Pilot-to-R Award) Projects to Address the Impact of Multiple Chronic Conditions (MCCs) in Older Adults: *The HCSRN-OAICs AGING Initiative*

The HCSRN-OAICs AGING Initiative seeks pilot project proposals designed to facilitate collaborations between Health Care Systems Research Network (HCSRN) and Older Americans Independence Centers (OAICs) investigators, particularly early-stage investigators as principal investigators.

We are seeking one-year pilot project proposals to support **activities that will increase the likelihood of successful funding of an R01 (or comparable) application** focused on older adults with multiple chronic conditions (MCCs). Priority will be given to activities that will support R01-type applications that require pilot data for submission.

We welcome all types of research projects as long as there is a focus on multiple chronic conditions and the findings will lay the groundwork for an R01-type research application. Specific examples of research topics are available in the following article: Tisminetzky M, Bayliss EA, Magaziner JS, et al. Research Priorities to Advance the Health and Health Care of Older Adults with Multiple Chronic Conditions. J Am Geriatr Soc. 2017;65(7):1549-1553. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5507733/>

Specific Requirements

1. The principal investigator on the application must be affiliated with either an HCSRN research center or an OAIC. In addition, all AGING Initiative MCCs Scholars are eligible to apply, regardless of affiliation with an HCSRN research center or OAIC.
2. The application must include collaborating investigators from **both** an HCSRN research center and an OAIC. While use of HCSRN data is not a requirement, evidence of collaborative (HCSRN and OAIC) development of the proposal is.
3. The application must involve at least one **early career investigator** on the team, including as principal investigators. An early career investigator will be defined as not having received a major grant from NIH, AHRQ or PCORI (R01 award or equivalent), or a career award from a major funder (career K award or equivalent).
4. The application, in NIH 398 format, must include: a) a face page; b) an abstract; c) specific aims for the planned R01 (one page); d) a research plan up to six pages in length (page limit does not include references) describing the pilot work and how it will support the planned R01 application; e) human subjects section (if applicable); f) biosketches for key personnel (new NIH format); g) one-year budget, not to exceed a total cost of \$40,000 (including indirects), budget justification, and F&A/indirect costs checklist.
5. Approval from the IRB at the appropriate institution(s) will be required before funds will be released.

Additional Information—More information about the AGING Initiative and the “P-2-R” grants can be found on our website: http://bit.ly/AGING_P-2-R_Information. There you can also register for the informational webinar that will be held on April 2nd. All queries should be addressed to Chris Delude at Meyers Primary Care Research Institute (Christopher.Delude@meyersprimary.org).

Number of Grants to be Awarded—Up to four

Review Criteria—In addition to the standard NIH criteria, review criteria include: (1) study relevance to older adults with MCCs; (2) leveraging OAIC-related data and/or the unique features of the HCSRN and its data; (3) likelihood that the proposed study will be completed within one year; and (4) likelihood that the project will lead to submission of a fundable grant proposal by the end of the 12 month period.

Review and Award Schedule:

Release Date for Announcement:	03/15/2019
Informational Webinar:	04/02/2019
Full Applications Due:	06/15/2019
Announcement of Awards:	09/01/2019
Start Date:	11/01/2019

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The online application submission system can be found at: http://bit.ly/P-2-R_Application