

## **CALL FOR PILOT STUDY PROPOSALS**

**DEADLINE: February 28th**

**\$5,000 - \$10,000 Awards**

**CENTER ON RACE AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS  
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK, UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH**

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The Center on Race and Social Problems (CRSP) invites full-time faculty and researchers at the University of Pittsburgh who have a PhD (or similar degree to submit pilot research proposals that address current race-related social problems within any of the eight areas of focus of CRSP: health, economic disparities; education disparities; interracial group relations; mental health; families and youth; aged; and criminal justice.

The projects may cover a wide range of research methodologies, including qualitative and quantitative research, policy analysis and evaluation, and translation of research into practice. Existing or new data may be used for exploring race-related problems. Inclusion of minority investigators as PI, Co-PI, or Mentor is encouraged, and to be considered **proposals must have race as the central focus**.

Note that it is not enough to just study a minority population. One needs to specify research questions focused on race and then analyze the role of race.

If you have received pilot funding from CRSP in the past, you can be considered for new funding only if previous funding resulted in at least one paper submitted for publication and at least one proposal submitted for external funding for follow-up research.

**To be considered for pilot funding you must present an informal presentation style proposal to one of the Research Advisory Panels (RAPs) as well as submit a formal written proposal.** A RAP group exists for each of the seven areas of focus of the Center listed above. The purpose of the informal presentation is to get feedback that might help to improve proposed projects. Contact Penelope R. Miller, Center Coordinator ([prm15@pitt.edu](mailto:prm15@pitt.edu) or 624-7379), to schedule a presentation.

**All proposals should contain a cover page (attached), the body of the proposal, and a budget.** The body of the proposal, which should be 7-10 pages single-spaced, should state:

- Specific Aims (what is the research intended to accomplish or find out regarding race)
- Background (what observations or prior scientific findings serve as the basis for the study)
- Importance and Implications (why is it important to conduct the research, particularly regarding race)
- Subjects and Recruitment (who will be studied, how will they be identified, and how will they be approached for participation)
- Methods (what information will be gathered, how will it be gathered, and how will it be analyzed)
- Qualifications of the Principal Investigators
- Plans for Scholarly Publications
- Plans to Seek Federal or Other External Funding for Expanded Follow-Up Research

- Outcomes from Previous Pilot Studies Funded by CRSP (If you received prior pilot study funding, provide papers submitted for publication and proposals submitted for follow-up external funding.)

Budgets of \$5,000-\$10,000 will be considered. CRSP funds can be used for measurement, statistical, programming, or research assistant support. Funds cannot be used for University staff and faculty salaries, conference travel, equipment, or physical plant infrastructure. No indirect costs may be included in the proposed budget.

Proposals must be submitted in Microsoft Word format as an e-mail attachment to Penelope R. Miller, [prm15@pitt.edu](mailto:prm15@pitt.edu) with a subject title "RAP Pilot Proposal". Internal and external reviews of proposed projects will be conducted. Approved pilot studies should be completed within one year from funding. Progress reports and final reports to be submitted by e-mail to Penelope R. Miller [prm15@pitt.edu](mailto:prm15@pitt.edu) are required of grantees.

**Pilot Project Application Cover Page  
Center on Race and Social Problems**

**Project Title:**

**Principal Investigators, professional titles, and RAP memberships:**

**Other investigator names and professional titles (if applicable):**

**For the first PI:**

**Campus Mailing Address:**

**Telephone Number:**

**Fax Number:**

**Email Address:**

**Specific aims of the pilot study (50 words or less):**

**Mentor/consultant names, titles, and contact information (if applicable):**

**Date that the draft proposal was presented in a RAP: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Human Subjects Involved?                      YES                      NO**

**Project Start Date:**

**Project End Date:**

**Total Funds Requested:**