

PILOT STUDY PROPOSALS

Application Deadlines: June 1 and November 1

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To be considered for pilot funding applicant must submit a formal written proposal and present a brief informal presentation to one of the Research Advisory Panels. The foremost purpose of the informal presentation is to provide feedback to the presenter that might serve to improve the proposed project. Contact Penelope R. Miller, Center Coordinator (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)
- Background (what observations or prior scientific findings serve as the basis for the study)
- Importance and Implications of the proposed study
- 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 Investigator(s)
- Plans for Scholarly Publications
- Plans to Seek Federal or Other External Funding for Expanded Follow-Up Research

Budgets of up to \$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 with a subject title. 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 are required of grantees.

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.

**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: