



2023 ICHERC Pilot Grant Application FAQs

BUDGET

Can funds be used for salary support? Costs must go towards funding direct costs of conducting the project. Funding cannot be used for faculty salary support, but can be used towards staff salary support (e.g., Research Assistant and other support staff). Please see the budget guide for further guidance.

Can funds be used to support professional training and development? No, that is not allowable. Costs must go towards funding direct costs of conducting the project. Please see the budget guide for further guidance.

Can funds be used towards tuition support? No, that is not allowable. Costs must go towards funding direct costs of conducting the project. Please see the budget guide for further guidance.

Can funds be used towards covering equipment? No, that is not allowable. Costs must go towards funding direct costs of implementation of the project. Please see the budget guide for further guidance.

WHO CAN APPLY?

This grant is for racial ethnic minorities. How do you define racial ethnic minority? If your own experience is of being a racial ethnic minority, or if you are part of a group that has experienced health disparities, you are considered a racial ethnic minority.

What if I am part of a disadvantaged population that is not a racial ethnic minority, can I still apply? The goal of this pilot award is to diversify the workforce. Applicants must identify as an underrepresented racial ethnic minority to apply. ICHERC seeks proposals from Black, LatinX, or Native American/Pacific Islanders.

Sometimes there are restrictions to holding multiple fellowships. Are there restrictions for those on T32s, e.g. Can those on T32s apply? Yes, you can apply if you are on a T32. This is a pilot project, not a fellowship. The rationale for not being able to hold multiple fellowships is having multiple fellowship salary funding sources. You would not be getting salary support from this project, as the budget can only be used towards implementation of the project.

It says this application is for those who are within 12 years of terminal degree. How do you define terminal degree? You must be no more than 12 years out from your MD, PhD, DMD/DDS, or other terminal degree.

Can International trainees apply? Yes, due the structure of this funding source, international trainees can apply. You do not need to be a U.S. Citizen. Those who have long-term plans to be in the U.S. are encouraged to apply.

Do I need a mentor to apply? No, you do not need to have a mentor to apply. But those who are most successful tend to have good mentorship support. Please contact Aileen Shen, MPH, at acshen@uic.edu if you are interested in having a consultation around finding a mentor.

OTHER

What data sources can I leverage for this application? The project must be related to cancer and structural determinants of health. You can use internal or external resources to ICHER. There is no requirement to partner with existing ICHER projects.

Where should applicants indicate their racial ethnic minority status? Please indicate this in your biosketch.

If you have any other questions, please contact Aileen Shen, MPH, at acshen@uic.edu.