

October 3, 2022

RE: Rapid Cancer Health Equity Pilot Grants for Postdoctoral Fellows and Early Career Faculty (Deadline: November 4, 2022)

Dear postdoctoral fellows and early career faculty,

The Illinois Cancer Health Equity Research (I-CHER) Center is committed to mobilizing and elevating diverse investigators at UIC. The I-CHER Center Investigator Development Core (IDC) is excited to announce its second call for pilot project applications. The 2023 I-CHER Pilot Program will fund research projects that represent **equitable solutions that tackle social and structural determinants of cancer health**.

1. Eligible applicants for this round include racial / ethnic minorities that are either postdoctoral fellows or faculty members within 12 years of their terminal degree.
2. This call is specifically designed for laboratory-based, translational, and population-based studies that have clear implications for sustainable solutions for cancer health equity in the future. Ideally, projects will produce pilot data for outstanding grant applications in the future (e.g., ACS research scholar grants; NIH K series and R series grants).
3. Consultation is available prior to the application deadline for:
 - a. Biostatistics support and planning (contact Nelson Chen, PhD at znchen@uic.edu)
 - b. Review and alignment of proposed project with UICC catchment area priorities and needs (contact Margaret Wright, PhD at mewright@uic.edu)
 - c. Matchmaking and consultation with currently funded I-CHER project teams (contact Aileen Shen, MPH, at ashen@uic.edu)
 - d. Administrative review of application to ensure it will not be rejected (contact Aileen Shen, MPH, at ashen@uic.edu).

Interested postdoctoral fellows and early career faculty are strongly encouraged to register for our webinar to discuss this funding opportunity. The webinar will be held on October 25, 2022, from 12–1 p.m.



Register here: https://uic.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_sskTWolASSS2otlOJtNDNQ

On or before **November 4, 2022**, please submit one PDF document to Aileen Shen, MPH (ashen@uic.edu) that includes the following components, within page limits:

1. Specific aims (1 page)
2. Rationale, hypothesis, and research plan (2 pages inclusive of figures and references)
3. A brief description of how this project will help support a future career development or research grant (1/2 page)
4. A brief budget (please note that indirect costs are NOT allowed) (1/2 page)
5. NIH biosketches for all key personnel

All applications will be reviewed, and feedback will be provided. Two projects will be funded at \$30,000 each during this round. The duration of awards will be 1 year. Selected projects will be funded immediately upon approval by the PRC and IRB.

Sincerely,

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