



Center for **Family** and  
**Demographic** Research

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## **Faculty Research Development Award (FRDA)**

The Center for Family and Demographic Research (CFDR) has seed grant funds for AY 2021-22, with budgets ranging from \$7,500-15,000, as part of our P2C Population Infrastructure Award. These funds are available to support small-scale awards to facilitate high-quality, social scientific research on the health and well-being of children, adolescents, or adults under age 50, consistent with the focus of the **Population Dynamics Branch (PDB)** of the [Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development](#) (NICHD). *These awards are intended to help faculty be more competitive for external support and are not envisioned as being sufficient to complete an entire research project.* All CFDR faculty affiliates are eligible, excluding those who have received CFDR FRDA funding in the past two years.

The criteria for selection of projects includes topical alignment with both CFDR's mission to promote research on the well-being of children and families and the mission of the PDB. Additional criteria include significance of the research, approach and feasibility of the project, qualifications of the researcher(s), and potential for successful external outcomes (i.e., peer-reviewed publication, reports, external funding). Priority is given to junior faculty. Activities may include, but are not limited to, pilot data collection, data or software acquisition for preliminary analyses, undergraduate or graduate student funding for research activities (such as interviewing, transcription, or data entry), and summer salary support for faculty for research activities (such as preliminary analyses). *Affiliates do not need to be demographers to apply, but only affiliates at BGSU are eligible.* CFDR funds many topics and types of research. Examples of prior funded projects can be seen [here](#). Applicants who are unsure if their research topic is appropriate or have other questions can contact CFDR Director Karen Guzzo ([kguzzo@bgsu.edu](mailto:kguzzo@bgsu.edu)).

Recipients are expected to discuss their research plans with the CFDR Director and possibly other faculty (as relevant), to provide updates throughout the research process, and to present at the CFDR Speaker Series.

Application will be accepted on a rolling basis, reviewed immediately upon submission and contingent on funding availability. Please submit electronically to Libby Allen-Dachik

([allenda@bgsu.edu](mailto:allenda@bgsu.edu)). More information about the award and application requirements follow below.

## **CFDR FACULTY RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT AWARD (FRDA)**

The CFDR will support research activities with small-scale awards to facilitate high-quality research and scholarship central to our mission and the mission of our funding agency, Population Dynamics Branch of NICHD. *These funds should be regarded as seed money; they are unlikely to cover the total cost of a research project.* We anticipate making up to two awards, each with a budget ranging from \$7,500-15,000. Faculty will be required to discuss their research project plans with the CFDR director and mentor (when applicable) before beginning research and provide updates throughout the process. Our goal is to help facilitate timely faculty research and increase research productivity. Funds will be available shortly after the review and should be spent within one year of receipt.

### **1. Eligibility:**

All CFDR faculty members at BGSU are eligible, excluding those who have received a CFDR FRDA in the past two years.

### **2. Review Process**

The review committee includes the CFDR director, two external reviewers, and one faculty advisory board member. As in the NIH reviews, the reviewers will comment on the project's significance, innovativeness, approach, and investigator.

The criteria for selection of projects include **centrality to the mission of the Population Dynamics Branch and the CFDR**, feasibility, potential impact of the research, junior status, interdisciplinary collaboration, and potential for successful external outcomes (presentations, reports, peer-reviewed publications, applications to external funding sources). We are seeking applications that make their contributions clear.

### **3. Application:**

Each applicant must submit the following to Libby Allen-Dachik. An electronic version should be submitted to ([allenda@bgsu.edu](mailto:allenda@bgsu.edu)).

- ◆ A three-page single-spaced proposal (not including budget, references, or abstract) that follows the basic format of NIH applications. Applicants will describe the specific aims of the project, the background, preliminary studies, the data, and the analytic approach. Please explain how funding for this project will contribute to your research agenda and include possible outcomes and a timeline for the project.
- ◆ A current vita.

- ◆ Applicants who have never received federal funding as a PI will select a faculty mentor who has been an investigator on a funded grant and include a memo from the mentor. The mentor will help ensure the success of the project by committing to work with the applicant and to provide feedback. A mentor can be any faculty member of the BGSU Graduate College with prior NIH support. We can help identify individuals.
- ◆ A budget page with a brief budget narrative. Applicants may budget for teaching release (with permission from departmental chair), summer support, graduate student support, CFDR services (e.g., programming), travel, course fees, or other justifiable costs. Applications with a cost share from their department will be scored more favorably.

#### **4. Conditions of Receipt of Award**

Recipients will be required to discuss the research project at the outset with CFDR leadership and periodically during the course of the research project. They will be expected to give a talk in the CFDR seminar series about the research. Within **one year** of completion of the project, recipients are expected to seek external outlets for their research, including but not limited to: conference presentations, peer-reviewed publications, and/or applications for additional funding from external sources. Awardees will sign a letter agreeing to meet these obligations. *We have limited funds, so it is important the recipients are serious about using these monies to further a larger research project.* In case of noncompliance, CFDR services will be suspended, and a letter will be sent to the awardee's department chair, college dean, and Graduate College dean. If appropriate, HSRB approval must be obtained.

The CFDR director will monitor the progress of these projects. The budget will be monitored by the CFDR director, because all expenditures will require the signature of the director. Funds cannot be transferred to another university.