



Faculty Research Development Award

The Center for Family and Demographic Research (CFDR) is pleased to award one to three seed grants, with budgets ranging from \$5,000-10,000. As part of our NICHD R24 Population Infrastructure Award we have funds to support small-scale awards to facilitate high-quality social scientific research and scholarship central to our mission. These awards are intended to help faculty be competitive for external support. All CFDR faculty affiliates are eligible if they have not previously been awarded CFDR faculty development funds.

The criteria for selection of projects include centrality to the mission of CFDR, feasibility, potential impact of the research, interdisciplinary collaboration, department cost-share and external funding potential. Applicants may submit new proposals or proposals that have been reviewed by other funding agencies and were assessed as requiring preliminary research to be successfully funded. Junior faculty, faculty submitting to NIH or NSF, and scholars without previous external grant funding will receive higher priority in reviews.

An important stipulation is that faculty will be required to submit a grant proposal via CFDR to an external funding agency within one year of receiving funds and meet with the CFDR director and mentor (when applicable) about their progress during the year. Recipients also will present at the CFDR Speaker Series.

The deadline for submission of a five page proposal is **Monday, January 11, 2010**. Please submit electronically to Libby Allen-Dachik (allenda@bgsu.edu). More information about the award and application requirements follow. Please contact the CFDR director, Wendy Manning (2-2850 or wmannin@bgsu.edu) with questions.

CFDR -- FACULTY RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT AWARD

Researchers often need to develop skills in using new methodologies, to gain experience in using particular data sets, to receive release time for research development, to purchase specialized equipment, to obtain research assistance, or to consult with experts. The CFDR will support these activities with small-scale awards to facilitate high-quality research and scholarship central to our mission. These funds should be regarded as seed money; they are not intended to cover the total cost of a research project. We anticipate making up to three awards each year, each with a budget ranging from \$5,000-10,000. Faculty will be required to submit a grant proposal to an external funding agency within one year of receiving funds and meet with the CFDR director and mentor (when applicable) about their progress during the year. Our goal is to help facilitate faculty research and increase research productivity by helping faculty develop and submit competitive research proposals. Funds will be available shortly after the review and should be spent by December 31, 2010.

1. Eligibility:

All CFDR faculty members are eligible who have not previously been awarded CFDR funds.

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.

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3. Application:

Each applicant must submit the following by 5:00 on **Monday, January 11, 2010** to Libby Allen-Dachik. An electronic version should be submitted to (allenda@bgsu.edu).

- ◆ A five-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 a timeline for the project including plans for submission for funding.

- ◆ A current biographical sketch in NIH format. You should have one we sent you. Contact Libby for our version of your biosketch.
- ◆ A request for applications (RFA) or other information from your target funding source. The purpose is to demonstrate there is some demand for your work by a particular funding agency.
- ◆ If you have never received federal funding as a PI, 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.
- ◆ A budget page with a brief budget narrative. Applicants may budget for teaching release, 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

You will be expected to give a talk in the CFDR seminar series about your research. Awardees will be required to submit a grant proposal (routed through CFDR) to an external funding agency within **one year** of receiving funds and meet with the CFDR director and/or faculty mentor during this time period. Awardees will sign a letter agreeing to meet these obligations. 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.

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.