



## **Texas Resource Center for Minority Aging Research**

University of Texas Medical Branch Resource Center for Minority Aging Research (RCMAR)

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**Request for Letter of Intent and Research Proposal**  
**Funding will support three 1-year grants**  
**\$25,000 (direct and indirect costs) each, academic year 07/01/21 to 06/30/22**

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### **Who Should Apply:**

We encourage applications from faculty who are interested in conducting research on health (broadly defined) of older minority adults. Three investigators called 'RCMAR Scientists' will be selected based on:

- Quality of proposed research
- Credentials of investigator
- Relatedness of proposed research to the Texas RCMAR mission
- Likelihood that proposed research would lead to subsequent National Institute on Aging (NIA) funded projects.

Application Process: By COB January 15, 2021, applicants should submit a 3-page proposal to Bret Howrey, PhD., [bthowrey@utmb.edu](mailto:bthowrey@utmb.edu)

### **The proposal will include:**

1. Title of project
2. Description of proposed pilot project including brief description of the design and data to be collected or used in the pilot project;
3. A specific statement about how the proposed pilot project is related to the Texas RCMAR;
4. A brief timeline that documents the feasibility of completing the pilot project in one year;
5. A specific statement about how this pilot project will inform the applicant's future research and how it will lead to larger funding by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) or another agency;
6. A description of the applicant and their role on the project; and
7. Proposed mentor(s) and a statement about their involvement and the role they will play in conducting the pilot project.

### **Also included should be:**

1. Applicant's NIH Biosketch in the current format.
2. All Mentor's and/or senior key personnel's NIH Biosketch in the current format.

3. Institutional Letter of Support. You must submit an institutional letter of support from either your department chair or division chief confirming that you will have a junior- or mid-level faculty appointment between 07/01/2021 and 06/30/2022 and adequate "protected time" during that period to conduct your proposed pilot project.
4. Budget in NIH format

Applicants whose proposals are selected for funding will be notified by April 2021. The full proposals and supporting documents will be forwarded to the NIH/NIA for final approval. The award will be disbursed after July 1, 2021.

### **About the Texas RCMAR:**

The overall purpose of the Texas RCMAR is to provide an infrastructure that facilitates the development of research on health and aging in minority populations with special focus on the Hispanic population in the United States as well as in Mexico. Special focus is given to mentoring researchers from underrepresented populations. The Texas RCMAR is based at the University of Texas Medical Branch with the University of Texas at Austin being the primary collaborating institution. The Administrative Core and overall PI is Kyriakos S. Markides, PhD. The Analysis core is directed by Yong-Fang Kuo, PhD. The Research Education Core (REC) is directed by Rebeca Wong, PhD and Kristen Peek, PhD.

Special emphasis will be given to providing training opportunities to Hispanic Servicing Institutions and major universities in Texas with large numbers of minority/Hispanic students and faculty.

For questions contact Bret Howrey, [bthowrey@utmb.edu](mailto:bthowrey@utmb.edu)

For more information please see the UCLA RCMAR Coordinating Center website. The Texas RCMAR Contact information is available <http://www.rcmar.ucla.edu/content/rcmar-centers-list>.

Each awarded Pilot PI must ensure compliance with NIH Financial Conflict of Interest requirement.