

BYU Gerontology Program

Request for

Research Funding Proposals

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE: November 10, 2023

Funding from the BYU Gerontology Program is available for BYU faculty who are conducting research related to the physical, psychological, or social aspects of aging in the later years (main focus of research: age 50 or older). Research proposals from all disciplines will be considered.

Please submit a PDF of your proposal and biosketch to: Dr. Ray Merrill, Director
c/o Janet Folsom
Gerontology Program Office Manager
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*If you do not receive a confirmation email, please contact us to ensure we have received your proposal.

If you have questions, please contact: Dr. Ray Merrill, Director
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FUNDING: It is anticipated that three to five awards will be made, ranging from about \$1,000 to \$10,000 depending on our level of research funding approved for 2024, the number of quality proposals, the amounts requested for projects, and the ranking of proposals. It is anticipated that awards will be announced by Dec 15th 2023 and funding will be available Jan 2, 2024 through Dec 13, 2024.

All proposals will be reviewed and scored according to the evaluation criteria listed below. When writing your proposal, please consider that the committee is made up of faculty from many disciplines.

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

- Relevance of project to gerontology (20%)
- Potential for generating new knowledge or research procedures (15%)
- Intrinsic merit of the research (creative, cutting-edge research) (30%)
- Research performance competence (demonstrated knowledge of the subject material) (5%)
- Mentored learning experience (15%)
- Involvement of new faculty (5%)
- Multidisciplinary/collaborative research (5%)
- Budget justification (5%)

PROPOSAL FORMAT:

COVER SHEET

1. Title of the project
2. Name, department affiliation, and BYU faculty rank of the Principal Investigator
3. Names of Co-Investigators, department affiliation, current faculty rank
4. Address, phone number, and email address for PI and all Co-PIs
5. Total amount requested
6. Date of submission

PROJECT DESCRIPTION (combined text and figures should not exceed **4 pages**)

1. Goals and objectives
2. Salience of the project to gerontology
3. If you are doing research with non-human subjects, please clearly identify potential applications for your research to humans.
4. Brief review of the current state of knowledge (current theory and research)
5. A clear statement of the hypotheses/procedures being tested
6. Data, research methods, and analysis plans
7. Justification of sample size, if appropriate
8. Description of student mentoring experience (number of students, student learning experiences, etc.)
9. References (one page maximum)

BUDGET AND BUDGET JUSTIFICATION (**one-page** maximum)

Each proposal must contain a detailed budget for the support requested. The majority of the funding should be used for direct research expenses. PI's may designate a portion of the funding to support graduate (maximum 10 hours per week) and undergraduate students. Any travel expenses must be research-related (travel for paper presentations is not considered a research expense). A brief budget justification is required.

FUNDING HISTORY

All current and pending support from all sources (internal and external) must be listed for the PI and any other faculty affiliated with the project.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

NIH Biographical Sketch (non-fellowship): 5 pages max

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm>

FINAL REPORT: As a result of funding, each Principal Investigator will be required to: 1) obtain IRB/IACUC/IBC approval for his/her project if applicable, 2) submit a final report to the Director of the Gerontology Program by January 15, 2025, and 3) prepare a poster outlining the research and results to be displayed at the annual BYU Gerontology Conference which will be held in early spring of 2025.