BYU Gerontology Program

Request for

Project/Creative Works

Funding Proposals

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE: November 10, 2023

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

Please submit a PDF of your proposal and curriculum vitae to: Dr. Ray Merrill, Director
c/o Janet Folsom
Gerontology Program Office Manager
janet_folsom@byu.edu

*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 one award will be made, ranging from about $1,000 to $5,000 for 2024. Funding will depend on 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
- Mentored learning experience
- Budget justification
PROPOSAL FORMAT:

COVER SHEET
1. Title of the project
2. Name, department affiliation, and BYU faculty rank of each faculty member
3. Address, phone number, and email address for faculty
4. Total amount requested
5. Date of submission

PROJECT DESCRIPTION (combined text and figures should not exceed 4 pages)
1. Goals and objectives
2. Introduction and background
3. Salience of the project to gerontology
4. A clear statement of the project’s implications for older adults
5. A summary of the proposed project
6. Explanation of the feasibility of the project, including qualifications of team members
7. Planned dissemination of project products
8. Description of student mentoring experience (number of students, student learning experiences, etc.)
9. Explanation of projected timeline

BUDGET AND BUDGET JUSTIFICATION (one-page maximum)
Each proposal must contain a detailed budget for the support requested. Approximately 50% of the budget should be used for direct student support (graduate or undergraduate). Direct student support may include:
  a. Scholarships
  b. Students wages (research assistants, teaching assistants)
  c. Student travel for conference attendance to present or to experience (including conference registration, airfare, lodging, meals)
  d. Student travel for project or for professionalism experiences (including airfare, lodging, meals)
  e. Other (please describe in detail)

FUNDING HISTORY
All current and pending support from all sources (internal and external) must be listed for the faculty members affiliated with the project.

FINAL REPORT: As a result of funding, each project team will be required to:
1) submit a final report to the Director of the Gerontology Program by Jan 15, 2025, and 2) prepare a visual (poster/video/etc) of the project results to be displayed at the annual BYU Gerontology Conference which will be held in early spring of 2025.

EXAMPLE OF A PREVIOUSLY FUNDED PROJECT
Funding was provided to Kate Monson of the Dance Department to create the video below: https://gerontology.byu.edu/and-i-continue