NYU Center for Opioid Epidemiology & Policy
Department of Population Health, NYU Langone Health
2022 Grant Cycle – COEP Pilot Project Grant Program

Timeline – 2022 Grant Cycle

Full application due	November 30, 2021, 5:00pm
Notice of award *(anticipated)*	January 2022
Project start *(anticipated)*	February 2022
Project duration	1 year
Award amount	$10,000
REDCap application link	https://redcap.link/COEPGrantProgram

Center for Opioid Epidemiology and Policy Overview

The Center for Opioid Epidemiology and Policy (COEP) at NYU Langone Health serves as a central source of research on the United States' rapidly shifting opioid overdose epidemic. COEP's projects aim to inform evidence-based policies to prevent opioid misuse, disorder, and overdose in populations nationally and globally. The multidisciplinary team at COEP focuses on tracking trends in opioid morbidity and mortality, evaluating the impact of state policies and laws to prevent opioid overdoses (e.g., regulating the drug supply, providing access to naloxone, and reducing barriers to treatment), and examining the impact of the opioid overdose epidemic on local communities. The impact of the COVID-19 epidemic on substance use disorder, drug overdose and access to treatment has also become an area of focus woven throughout the work of COEP. Additional information is available on the COEP webpage.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants include faculty at the assistant professor level, assistant research faculty, assistant research scientists, and postdoctoral fellows employed at NYU Langone Health (NYULH) and the broader NYU research community. Particular attention will be paid to supporting the work of underrepresented minorities in science.

Pilot Project Overview

This year, our pilot project grants program will focus on supporting work on the social determinants of the overdose crisis, and social inequalities in the experience of the overdose crisis, its drivers, and potential solutions. We have a particular interest in work investigating racial/ethnic inequalities in risk of opioid misuse and overdose, access to policies, programs, and services, and impact of policies, programs and services on opioid misuse and overdose risk.

Broadly speaking, we are soliciting applications for pilot projects that focus on one or more of the following areas:

1. Social, policy, pandemic, and structural drivers of the overdose crisis
2. Social inequalities in the rates of opioid initiation, use, misuse, opioid use disorder, overdose, and consequences of use
3. Social inequalities in access to harm reduction and substance use disorder treatment services aimed at addressing the overdose crisis
4. Intersections of opioid use with other drug use and how this varies by race/ethnicity and/other identities
5. Methods to identify the causal effect of social and drug policies on the overdose crisis
6. Methods to measure opioid use, opioid use disorder, and overdose rates in small areas

We welcome additional creative research proposals using quantitative or qualitative methods.

In their application, applicants will be asked to demonstrate next steps to come out of this pilot research, including the potential for future NIH or other competitive funding based on their pilot project.

Information about past Pilot Project awardees can be found here.

Funding Available

Two awards of $10,000 are available. The award can be used for the following purposes:

- Salary support for PI, Post Doc, or staff/analyst time
- New analysis of existing data sources
- Data collection
- Study intervention
- Participant incentives

Application Submission

All application must be submitted using REDCap by 5:00pm EST on November 30, 2021. The application can be accessed here: https://redcap.link/COEPGrantProgram

The application should be no more than four pages, single-spaced, with one-inch margins.

Budget

Applicants must provide an updated budget in the template format available for download on the REDCap application form. Each budget with salary support for faculty and/or staff time should include a breakdown of total salary, FTE percentage, and fringe for those employed by NYU. The fringe rate at NYULH is 32.5%. For those outside NYULH, please check with your department for the current fringe rate.

Data Access

Applicants should indicate if they currently have access to the data they plan to use for the pilot project or provide the anticipated timing for obtaining this data.

Mentorship

The REDCap application form includes a question requesting the name, title and organization of mentor(s) for the PI. COEP faculty can join the PI's mentoring team. This is considered an asset to the application, but not a requirement if this is not possible.

Project Team

Proposals should provide specific information about the role of each person working on the pilot project.

Grant Management

Please include the name and contact information of your department's grant administrator on the REDCap application form. This person should be notified of your intention to apply for the pilot project prior to submission.

Criteria for Review/Evaluation of Applications

Proposals will be evaluated based on the quality of the proposed scientific investigation, the significance of the proposed research for the field of opioid use disorders research, the degree to which the proposed research addresses racial/ethnic disparities, the potential of the proposal to lead to future successful NIH grant applications, and the quality and promise of the applicant. The scoring criteria document is available for download on the REDCap application form.

Notice of Award

Up to two applicants will be selected for funding, with notification expected by in January 2022. Projects will be expected to begin in February 2022.

Post-Award Considerations

Funding will be transferred in full to one departmental chartfield provided by the applicant.

Awardees are welcome to join the weekly COEP Team Meeting on the second and fourth Thursday from 2:00-3:00. Remote and in-person options are available for attendees.

Awardees are responsible for submitting a progress report six months after the start of the project.

A final report is due two months after the project end date. Awardees are required to present their results at a seminar held by COEP in 2023.

Questions

Please contact Caroline Barnes, MPH, senior program manager, with any questions:
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