Global Aging Initiative
Call for Proposals

The Harvey A. Friedman Center for Aging at Washington University in St. Louis is developing a Global Aging Initiative with partner institutions of the McDonnell International Scholars Academy. To advance research on topics related to older adults, later life, and aging societies, the Friedman Center for Aging announces seed funding to support cross-national projects. The aims for this funding opportunity are to:

- Build a network of scholars from Washington University and McDonnell Academy partner institutions who are engaged in cross-national research;
- Foster work that explores cross-national issues and leads to larger research projects that will advance understanding and action critical to enhancing the lives of older adults and aging societies.

Global Aging Initiative Project Guidelines

1. Each project must have at least two principal investigators (PIs): one or more faculty from Washington University and one or more faculty from a McDonnell Academy partner institution. Additional investigators may be included.
2. Project budgets may range from $5,000 to $40,000.
3. Funds can be used for travel to meet and develop a research proposal, conduct pilot studies, or extend existing work conducted by one of the lead partners (e.g., expand country-specific research to cross-national). Budget requests must be reasonable for the activities proposed.
4. Projects must be completed within two years from the start date of January 1, 2014.
5. Proposals must describe how the project will go beyond activities carried out after this funding. A key objective is for funded collaborations to continue beyond this initial funding and attract external funding to sustain research efforts.
6. Funded collaborations will be required to present a project update at the next McDonnell Academy meeting in October 2014 in St. Louis.

Additional preference will be given to proposals that:

1. Involve representatives of two or more institutional partners of the McDonnell Academy. Multiple partner collaborations are consistent with the goal of promoting more effective cross-national efforts in the study of aging issues.
2. Are fundamentally interdisciplinary, involving representatives of more than one discipline or department/school.

3. Show evidence of shared funding from one or more partner institutions.

4. Include students as well as faculty in the funded activities.

Proposal Schedule

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How to Apply

Proposal Registration
Registration is the required first step in the application process. Registration is required in order to confirm PI eligibility and anticipate the number of full proposals to identify an adequate number of reviewers. Registration of your proposal must be received by the Friedman Center for Aging by September 30, 2013.

Universities are allowed to participate on multiple projects, but individuals are only allowed to serve as the principal investigator on one project.

Registration can be submitted online. Go to http://publichealth.wustl.edu/aging for the registration link. Potential applicants will need to submit the names of the PIs, contact information, and a tentative project title.

Applicants will receive an email reply indicating their registration was received. If you do not receive an email within 24 hours please contact the Friedman Center for Aging at CenterforAging@wustl.edu or 1.314.747-9234.

Please direct all questions about this funding opportunity to Stephanie Herbers, Center Manager, at 1.314.747-9234 or CenterforAging@wustl.edu.
Full Proposal

- **Format Specifications**
  - Project plan narratives should not exceed 5 single spaced pages.
  - Use 11 point font or larger and one-inch margins.
  - Include Principal Investigators’ names at the top of each page of the project plan and budget.

- **Information to Submit**
  - Cover Page
    - Project Title
    - Names of Primary Investigators and Their Respective Universities
    - Contact Information for Washington University Primary Investigator (Primary Contact)
    - Budget Period and Total Requested Amount
  - Project Plan (5 page maximum)
    - **Problem or Need:** Briefly describe the specific need or problem the project will seek to address and its relationship to older adults or aging societies.
    - **Project Overview:** State the specific goals/objectives for the project. Describe the specific activities that will be used to achieve each stated objective and the timeframe for these activities.
    - **Collaborators:** Describe the key collaborators for the project, including roles and responsibilities. Key collaborators are individuals who contribute to the development or execution of the project in a substantive way.
    - **Project Update and Final Products**
      - Funded projects will be required to present an update at the next McDonnell Academy meeting in October 2014 in St. Louis. Identify who will attend the 2014 conference in St. Louis.
      - Briefly describe the anticipated final products as a result of the project. These may be in the form of reports of findings, papers, conference presentations, joint proposals for extended funding, etc.
      - **Future Directions:** Briefly describe how the project will continue after this funding.
  - Budget & Budget Justification
    - Funding will be provided for items essential to the conduct of the project up to the maximum amount available.
    - No funds can be used for faculty salary. No overhead or tuition for students can be charged.
- Budgets should include an itemized list of monies to be spent. Provide a short justification for all costs, including the role of each individual listed on the project.
- Travel between partner institutions can be included. Note: Include travel expenses to the Fall 2014 meeting in St. Louis (approximately $3000) for at least one faculty investigator from the McDonnell Academy partner institution, unless other funds are available to support the trip.
  - Resume/CV/Biosketch (2 page limit per individual) from all participating faculty. The CVs should not exceed 2 pages each.

**SUBMISSION PROCESS**

The full proposal must be received by the Harvey A. Friedman Center for Aging at Washington University’s Institute for Public Health by **October 18, 2013**. Proposals must be submitted by email (.pdf of original) to:

*Subject line:* Global Aging Initiative Proposal Submission  
*Email:* CenterforAging@wustl.edu

Applicants will receive an email reply indicating the proposal was received. If you do not receive an email within 24 hours please contact Stephanie Herbers at sherbers@wustl.edu or 1.314.747.9234.

**REVIEW PROCESS AND AWARDS**

The Friedman Center for Aging will convene a panel of scholars from Washington University and McDonnell Academy partner institutions to review proposals and select awardees based on the aims and guidelines of this call for proposals.