



NYU CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF ASIAN AMERICAN HEALTH PILOT PROJECT PROGRAM, Cycle V 2021-2022

The [NYU Center for the Study of Asian American Health \(CSAAH\)](#) announces the availability of two award types in its [Pilot Project Program](#) to support postdoctoral fellows, junior faculty, and early stage investigators in performing pilot research and generating preliminary findings on health disparities, that are inclusive of Asian American populations.

Award Types and Application Process:

1) **Postdoctoral Fellow Awards** – up to \$10,000.

Postdoctoral applicants submit full proposal materials (see below for required sections and materials) via [REDCap](#) by **April 23, 2021 at 5PM ET.**

2) **Junior Faculty and Early Stage Investigator Awards** – up to \$30,000.

Selection of junior faculty and ESI awards will occur in two stages:

- a. **Stage I:** Applicant submits a 500 word [Letter of Intent](#) (see below for required sections) and updated CV or biosketch via [REDCap](#) by **February 15, 2021 at 5PM ET.**
- b. **Stage II:** If invited to submit a [Full Proposal](#), applicant will be notified **by March 15, 2021.** The applicant will then submit a detailed, three-page proposal that expands upon the LOI and other required full proposal materials (see below) via [REDCap](#) by **April 23, 2021 at 5PM ET.** Assistance is available for methods, biostatistics, and/or analytic plan development.

Eligibility: Postdoctoral fellows, junior faculty, and other early stage investigators as defined by NIH (see https://grants.nih.gov/policy/new_investigators/index.htm#definition) at the NYU Grossman School of Medicine. Candidates from backgrounds underrepresented in medicine are strongly encouraged to apply. We define these backgrounds to include the following races/ethnicities: Black, Hispanic, Latinx, Native American, and/or Asian Pacific Islander.

Cycle V Award Period: September 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 (10 months). Generally, no extensions or carry-over allowed.

Focus of Awards:

CSAAH is guided by principles focused on achieving systemic change across multiple domains and levels of influence and stimulating action-oriented research to reduce health disparities. We have identified and established seven key strategies for advancing a transdisciplinary population health equity agenda that informs CSAAH's approach to health disparities research. We anticipate funding pilot awards that address one or more of these overarching seven themes. These strategies are:

- 1) Apply a social determinants of health approach by performing ongoing descriptive and longitudinal research to monitor measurable changes in social factors and population health outcomes.
- 2) Conduct research that is guided by multi-sectoral coalitions that recognize the role of social determinants on health equity, and incorporates health considerations into decision-making across sectors and policy areas.
- 3) Engage communities through community-based ethnic coalitions and pan-ethnic advisory groups including diverse stakeholders.
- 4) Perform disaggregated data collection that bridges information gaps and promotes equitable collection, reporting, and analysis of data, to identify underserved population needs and inform areas of health equity research.
- 5) Build human and social capital by integrating community health workers (CHWs) and other community leaders in program design and implementation.

- 6) Foster linkages and access to care by partnering with health care systems and disseminating information through community-based organizations and social service agencies.
- 7) Develop sustainable development of internal structures by strengthening organizational and community-based infrastructures through capacity-building activities.

Additionally, CSAAH aims to eliminate health disparities and advance health equity among Asian American populations with scientific tracks focused on: 1) Cardiovascular Disease and Diabetes; 2) Cancer; 3) Mental Health; 4) Healthy Aging and 5) Gender Equity. Applicants are encouraged to align their pilot project proposals with one or more of CSAAH's Research Tracks. Applications utilizing elements of systems science and implementation science methodologies are also encouraged.

Application Instructions and Formatting:

- 1) A three-page [Proposal](#) and the 500-word [Letter of Intent](#) should be prepared as single-spaced, Arial 11 point font, 1 inch margins, in PDF format. The proposal must include the following sections:
 - a. Project title
 - b. Brief background and rationale
 - c. Specific aims
 - d. Hypothesis
 - e. Research design (indicate how study addresses one or more of CSAAH's overarching strategies)
 - f. Brief methodology
 - g. Mentorship plan
 - h. Products/knowledge gained to be applied towards future research
- 2) Full Proposal submissions should include the following supporting materials uploaded appropriately via [REDCap](#):
These templates & more information can be downloaded from [CSAAH Pilot Program Cycle 5 Box folder](#)
 - a. Three-page detailed project proposal (see above for required sections)
 - b. Updated CV or NIH biosketch
 - c. Letter of support from their faculty mentor
 - d. Completed [budget template](#)
 - e. Completed [Targeted/Planned Enrollment Report](#)
 - f. CITI Training Certificate
 - g. Completed [Other Support](#)
- 3) Application files should be titled with "CSAAH", award type (i.e., Postdoctoral, Junior Faculty & ESI) with the applicants last and first name; each element should be separated by an underscore. An example file title is: "CSAAH_ESI_Mohaimin_Sadia_Enrollment Report"

IRB: Applicants interested in formative data collection are **strongly** encouraged to initiate a study submission in Research Navigator during the application period as disbursement of funds is linked to final IRB approval. Postdoctoral fellow applicants are also encouraged to submit amendments to an existing study.

Project Scope: Projects may range from basic science research to translational research at the community or citywide levels. Basic science research, however, must be relevant towards improving population health, not limited to but inclusive of Asian Americans and/or an add-on to an existing study (e.g., additional assay of stored specimens). Projects **MUST** include Asian Americans as one of the target populations, and preference will be given to projects that focus on one specific Asian subgroup (e.g., Chinese, Asian Indian) vs. a general "Asian American" subgroup.

Some project examples include:

- Qualitative data collection (focus groups or key informant interviews), analysis, and reporting to understand a health concern in low-income populations.
- Quantitative data collection (surveys, direct observation or other methods), analysis, and reporting to understand a health concern in socioeconomically disadvantaged populations.
- Secondary analysis of electronic health record data or national datasets to either describe a health issue or assess the associations between an exposure and outcome in at-risk urban youth populations.

- Community needs assessments
- Biomarker analysis of existing specimens

Interested applicants are encouraged to actively reach out to our team to discuss how this opportunity may be leveraged towards their current research interests, to brainstorm nascent ideas, or to learn about Asian-American community-driven health topics of interest.

Allowable costs: Proposal budgets should be for Direct Costs only. Budgets should not include requests for office supplies, membership dues, salaries for mentors or subcontracts. Budgets may include salaries for the applicant, ancillary staff (e.g., analyst, lab technician); fringe-benefit costs must be included (note: NYU Grossman School of Medicine fringe benefit rate as of 9/1/2020 is currently 34.5%)

Important Dates:

- **February 15, 2021:** [Letter of Intent](#) from junior faculty and early stage investigators due
- **March 15, 2021:** Junior faculty and early stage investigators LOI applicants notified to submit full proposal
- **April 23, 2021:** Due date for [Full Proposals](#) (including required [supporting materials](#)) from Postdoctoral Fellows **and** Junior Faculty and Early Stage Investigators.
- **May 28, 2021:** Applicants notified with reviewer comments for review
- **June 4, 2021:** Applicants submit response to reviewer comments and confirm IRB status (approved or pending/in-progress)

Requirements of Awardees:

- After notification of award, include any revisions to the proposal as advised by mentoring team (if needed)
- Attend kickoff meeting TBD in July 2021 and other requested group meetings
- Conduct at least one conference call on a bimonthly or quarterly basis with mentoring team chair to provide updates
- Meet regularly and as needed with mentoring team
- Participate in monthly brown bag sessions to share project progress and experience with peers
- Complete NIH progress report of the project due **April 1, 2022**
- Complete a final report in the form of a brief or full-length peer-reviewed manuscript due **June 30, 2022**
- Complete evaluations with the CSAAH Pilot Project team (pre-, post-pilot award completion, and 1-year follow up survey)
- Present project findings at CSAAH’s Biennial Asian-American Health conference

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