The Consortium on Race, Gender and Ethnicity (CRGE)
2022 CALL FOR PROPOSALS: FACULTY SEED GRANTS

Intersectional Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research

Submission Deadline: March 15, 2022 at 4 PM ET

We are pleased to announce the fourteenth round of a seed grant program for early career faculty. We aim to fund social science, public health and other interdisciplinary investigators who employ qualitative and mixed (qualitative and quantitative) methods to explore the intersections of race, gender, ethnicity, class and structural inequalities as they shape complex relationships in health inequities, educational trajectories, institutional politics of power and other population dynamics.

Program:
This seed grant provides $1,500-$5,000 to early career faculty to develop a study that primarily uses qualitative research methods (including: participant-observation, in-depth interviews, focus groups, life histories, or ethnographies with human subjects) or mixed methods. The investigator may request funds to begin new data collection for a qualitative study, to collect qualitative data to complement and interpret prior survey study, or to write up the results of qualitative data research previously collected.

Eligibility:
Applicants must:
- Be tenure-track assistant professors (who have highest priority in the funding review process) or early career associate professors.
- Propose a study that is intersectional in its approach (i.e. examining how one or more dimensions of structural inequality impacts the lived experiences of racialized individuals or groups).
- Conduct a study where the primary focus of the data collection is on the meaning of events in the lives of study participants (i.e., an interpretative approach) rather than collecting data that only measure the frequency of events (i.e., a survey approach).
- Have completed the CITI training in Social/Behavioral research with human subjects.
- We strongly suggest that your application for human subjects research approval be submitted in a timely manner. IRB approval for the study is a requirement for the release of funds.
• Be committed to the goals and mission of CRGE. Awardee must be willing and able to present the results of their scholarship at a panel during the following academic year and provide acknowledgements of this award in all future publications.

Please note:
• Former applicants who did not receive funding are encouraged to apply.
• Former recipients of seed grants are eligible to apply for funding for new research projects only.

Application Requirements:
The grant application consists of:
1. A brief proposal, no longer than five (5) double-spaced pages in length (with a 12-point font).
2. A justified budget that proposes funding of a sum between $1,500 and $5,000. Award amounts will depend on the number and quality of grants approved. Funds may be used for direct research costs (e.g., interview transcriptions, domestic travel only, study participant incentives). Please provide a clear budget justification. What is money being used for and why?
3. University of Maryland formatted CV.
4. A copy of the IRB project approval letter (if data has already been collected).
5. A copy of CITI Training certificate.

Application Preparation Guidelines:
It is important that submissions offer a clear roadmap of research strategies to conduct the proposed study. The review committee understands that qualitative research is emergent and individual or group interview guides may be final drafts. However, it is reasonable for you to give the committee a sense of the contours of your research study including who, what, when, where, and how you expect to conduct the research. Please include if applicable, analyses of prior data, or if complementing a survey study with qualitative data provide why and how new data will help to interpret and contextualize the quantitative data. The areas below serve as a guide in proposal preparation:

1. State the specific aims and research question to be examined and why it is important to study. Briefly summarize current knowledge in the field based on a review of the literature.
2. What are the debates in your field that are relevant to this proposed study? Offer a thorough description of the empirical context of your study.
3. Briefly summarize the innovative aspects of the proposed research project.
4. Clearly define the criteria for inclusion of targeted community/participants, your strategy for recruitment, and the data collection and analytic processes of your study.
5. Do you anticipate any difficulties with the study? Explain to the committee how you intend to address them.
6. Identify the long-term goal of the proposed research. What will the data set look like when it is completed?
7. Description of how the findings from this project can be used to inform the development of an R03 or R21 or funding request proposal to, for example, NIH, NSF, NEH, Mellon Foundation, ACLS.
8. Provide a timeline of your research activities. A timetable of research activities is a helpful tool for assessing when activities are expected to be completed.
Optional: If you wish, you may attach a one-to-three-page (maximum) appendix, which offers additional details of the study or other supplemental details. No preliminary data are required for this proposal but may be included as an appendix if available.

Submitting the Application:
Please submit an application with a cover sheet with name, department, title, mailing address, email address, and phone, and a title for your proposed study. Please also include a brief (e.g. 150 words) abstract of the study on the cover sheet. As noted above, the complete application package consists of a five-page proposal, justified budget, and CV. For logistical questions, contact Diana Torres-Burgos, Program Coordinator, dtorresb@umd.edu and for questions related to research topic or approaches contact Dr. Ruth Enid Zambrana rzambran@umd.edu, (301) 405-3447, Consortium on Race, Gender, and Ethnicity.

Please e-mail one electronic copy of your application by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 to Diana Torres-Burgos, dtorresb@umd.edu.

Review Process:
The proposals will be reviewed by QRIG committee members. Reviewers will provide an impact score on the overall quality of the research as well as the potential of the research to produce preliminary data for inclusion in a submission of a proposal for external funding.

Post-Award Requirements:
Awardees are expected to submit a brief report (4-5 pages) by the end of the spring 2023 semester summarizing their completed research activities, including articles published and grants submitted for external funding, and a budget report on use of funds. Grant recipients are also expected to make a presentation on their research to the QRIG group, interested faculty, and students approximately one year after funding is received. Acknowledge this award from CRGE in all future publications.

Timetable:
Awards will be announced on Friday, April 15, 2022. Research activities can be planned for the summer 2022 or fall 2022. Funds will be disbursed by Monday, May 2, 2022, to your UMD department account after IRB approval and CITI Training Certificate have been submitted.