The UC Davis Center for Healthcare Policy and Research (CHPR) requests submission of proposals in response to a call for pilot projects to be conducted during the 2013-14 academic year. These awards are intended to support highly meritorious projects that focus on outcomes research. Outcomes research is research focusing on outcomes that matter to patients and providers. The purpose of this research is to inform patients, providers, and decision-makers about which interventions are most effective for which patients under specific circumstances.

Particular areas of interest include, but are not limited to, evaluations of treatments, diagnostic tests, patient-centered outcomes, shared decision making, clinical delivery strategies, or clinical decision rules. Methods may include systematic reviews, prospective or retrospective cohort studies, pilots for clinical trials or other intervention studies, decision analysis or cost effectiveness analysis.

Funds will be available for up to $25,000 in total costs beginning June 1, 2013. Proposals in the $15-20,000 range will be more favorably reviewed and allow funding for a greater number of investigators. Support may be provided for staff or trainee support, supplies, and other research-related expenses; funds may not be used for faculty salary support or to purchase equipment or for travel expenses. All proposals are required to include a plan describing how the proposed project will lead to a proposal for extramural funding. Proposals that include at least one trainee at the pre-doctoral or post-doctoral/clinical fellow level are preferred. The role of the trainee in the project must be clearly defined. Developing processes to involve patients in research design is encouraged. An important criterion in the review of the applications is the use of CHPR resources for the proposed project; applicants are encouraged to contact the Center director for assistance (see CHPR website - http://www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/chpr/). All proposals will be evaluated based on scientific merit and potential impact. Applicants are invited to develop their ideas in the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Design seminars starting at CHPR on April 8.

**Purpose:** The UC Davis CHPR seeks to facilitate research, promote education, and inform policy about health and health care. The goal of the current CHPR Call for Proposals is to enhance and augment outcomes research by providing support for novel research projects, the development of new teams and partnerships, and high risk/high impact research that includes the mentoring of trainees. In addition, the Program fosters new multidisciplinary collaborations that will support training of new investigators focused in outcomes research.

**Eligibility:** All full-time members of the UC Davis faculty (includes adjunct or research series).

**Application Procedure:** Proposals are requested using the 5-page form that can be downloaded from the CHPR website (http://www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/chpr/pilots/outcomes_application.pdf). The submission must include an NIH biographical sketch for each participating investigator including pre-doctoral or post-doctoral (Ph.D. or clinical fellow) trainees. Deadline date for receipt is May 3, 2013 at 5 pm.

**Submitted proposals must use the following format and adhere to the submission form:**

- Specific Aims and Hypotheses
- Background and Significance
- Experimental Plan
- Rationale for Requested Funding and Planned Extramural Submission(s)
- Specific role of trainee(s) and plans for mentoring
- If prior funding from CHPR how this application represents a new or different research direction

**Additional Requirements:** The names of all investigators funded through this call will be posted on the CHPR website. In addition, all investigators must present their project findings at a CHPR seminar, and acknowledge the CHPR funding in any abstracts or publications resulting from supported studies.

Application receipt deadline: May 3, 2013
Earliest funding start date: June 1, 2013

Each P.I. may submit one proposal only. Please send a pdf version of the application on the deadline date to: Laura Sterner lsterner@ucdavis.edu
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