PILOT GRANT PROGRAM FOR 2014-2015

UC DAVIS LATINO AGING RESEARCH RESOURCE (LARRC) CENTER

The mission of the UC Davis Latino Aging Research Resource Center (UCD LARRC), one of seven Resource Centers for Minority Aging Research (RCMAR) nationwide, is to reduce disparities in cognitive health, impairment, related healthcare services and caregiving in older Latinos and their families and to promote diversity in the research workforce.

The UCD LARRC invites applications for pilot research grants with support from the National Institute on Aging (NIA) for up to $25,000 (directs) each. This funding is subject to modification contingent on NIA funding. These grants are available to junior faculty or advanced postdoctoral fellows who are interested in studying issues broadly related to cognitive health in older Latinos, including risk factors, services and interventions. The project period will be July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015. A total of up to 3-4 pilots will be funded.

To be eligible for consideration, applications must:

1. Be received by the UCD LARRC no later than 5:00 p.m. (PT), January 20, 2014.

2. Be delivered via email to: Jayne La Grande at Jayne.lagrande@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu

Inquiries about the RFA or the UCD LARRC, including requests for the pilot grant application instructions, should be directed to Ladson Hinton, M.D. at ladson.hinton@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu or by phone (916) 734-3485. Pilot grant applications instructions will also be available on the LARRC website. Applicants from outside UC Davis are encouraged to apply but are strongly encouraged to contact Ladson Hinton MD prior to submitting the application.

Mentoring is an important part of the pilot program. Applicants should identify 1-2 primary mentors, at least one of whom should be a core member of the LARRC (see website for a list of faculty). For applicants outside of UC Davis, it may be advantageous to identify one mentor from the host institution and one from LARRC. Successful applications should include plans for both career development and obtaining future extramural (e.g., NIH, PCORI) funding.

RESOURCES

Information about the UCD LARRC including its mission and scope of research it supports can be found at http://www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/latinoaging/. The application instructions will be available on the LARRC website.

Pilot applicants may present their research proposals at LARRC Research meetings for feedback prior to submission. Meetings are scheduled for October 17, November 7 and December 12 between 3-5pm. Space is available for two speakers at each meeting. Please contact Edward Elizarraras at 916-734-8781 or edward.elizarraras@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu to schedule a presentation.

The Center offers biostatistical support through its collaboration with investigators from the UC Davis Department of Public Health Sciences. Faculty members Laurel Beckett (labeckett@ucdavis.edu) and Dan Mungas (dmmungas@ucdavis.edu) are available to consult with pilot applicants. Investigators are strongly encouraged to consult with either Dr. Beckett or Dr. Mungas prior to submission.