

## Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research (MCUAAAR)

### Request for Pilot Grant Proposals FY2016

The Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research is one of seven Resource Centers for Minority Aging Research (RCMAR) funded by the National Institute on Aging. This Center is a collaborative effort between the **University of Michigan**, Program for Research on Black Americans and the **Wayne State University**, Institute of Gerontology. One of the Center's major goals is to identify and mentor junior investigators who are committed to research careers involving research with older African Americans. Proposals are sought to support junior investigator initiated research projects that would be developed into independent NIH-funded projects. Collaborative research projects that involve faculty from more than one department, school or institute are also encouraged.

1. Each proposal must contain the following information:
  - a. The name and contact information of each investigator.
  - b. NIH Biographical Sketch of each investigator.
  - c. Description of Proposed Research (not to exceed 5 single spaced pages, excluding references). This should include the following sections: Specific Aims, Research Strategy, Significance, Innovation, Approach and References.
  - d. Budget (a template is available upon request from Minti Henderson).
  - e. Budget justification (one page).
  - f. Other current grant support.
  - g. Name and contact information of the investigator's mentor.
  - h. NIH biographical sketch of the investigator's mentor.
2. Only applications in Arial 11-point font or larger will be accepted.
3. Behavioral and social science research proposals should focus on older African Americans. Behavioral and social science research includes, but is not limited to anthropology, demography, economics, epidemiology, psychology and sociology. Some examples of issues that may be investigated include: quality of life, stress and coping, caregiving, social support, family life, cognition, mental disorders, morbidity and mortality, health care utilization, work and retirement.
4. Faculty and research scientists/investigators are eligible to apply for this program. The program is intended for researchers who are in the early stages of their career and hold an academic rank or appointment equivalent to Assistant Professor. Must be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident.
5. Funds are available for the period of September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017. Individual requests may not exceed \$20,000 in direct costs (\$1,500 must be budgeted for travel to the Resource Center for Minority Aging Research Annual Meeting). Funds cannot be used to support senior faculty salaries or to purchase equipment. Studies involving the use of human subjects must be approved by institutional review board prior to release of funds.
6. The completed application must be received by May 1, 2016. It is expected that applicants will be notified by July 1, 2016. All application materials should be emailed as one single PDF attachment to Ms. Minti Henderson (U-M), [minti@umich.edu](mailto:minti@umich.edu) and also to Ms. Carol Talbott (WSU), [ctalbott@wayne.edu](mailto:ctalbott@wayne.edu).