

**MiCDA-Demography of Family Caregiving Network
Pilot Project Competition
Call for Proposals**

**Release Date: November 6, 2023
Pre-proposals: Due December 15, 2023
Full Proposals Due: January 26, 2024**

The **Michigan Center on the Demography of Aging (MiCDA)** announces a pilot project competition for early career faculty working in conjunction with **Demography of Family Caregiving Network members**. This network studies the implications of changes in the demography of families for caregiving and the wellbeing of older adults and their caregivers. These projects are designed to foster new cross-rank cross-institution collaborations among network members. In 2024, MiCDA expects to make 1-2 awards.

Eligibility

Early-career scholars, including those not already affiliated with the network, may apply in collaboration with a senior network member affiliated with another institution. Biographical information for network members is available at <https://micda.isr.umich.edu/networks/demography-of-family-caregiving/people/>

Budget

Projects will be supported for 1 year, from July 1 2024-June 30 2025. Applicants outside are limited to **\$35,000 direct costs**. Expenses may include salary and associated fringe costs, research staff (data analyst, research assistant), travel costs, consulting and/or honorarium costs, and materials and supplies necessary for the proposed research.

Other Requirements

Pilot project recipients are expected to present results at the annual Network meeting, to be held in 2025, and to cite MiCDA as a source of funding support for any publications or presentations that emerge from funding (P30 AG012846). Annual reporting of pilot outcomes to MiCDA is required.

Expected Outcomes

Pilot projects typically result in multiple presentations and at least one published paper. Often pilot recipients go on to submit successful grant applications to NIA related to their pilot work.

Priority/Review Criteria

1. Priority will also be given to projects that propose innovative secondary analysis of existing data, can be completed over a 12-month period, have the potential to produce one or more publications, and are likely to serve as a foundation for external funding (e.g., NIH R03, R21, R01).
2. The Review committee will rate each proposal on significance, innovation,

expected outcomes, relevance to the Network's themes, and approach.

Applications

Pre-proposals. Applicants should submit by **December 15, 2023** a brief pre-proposal through the online application available at <https://micda.isr.umich.edu/programs/2024-micda-pre-proposal/>. The pre-proposal should include: 1) a description of the research activity (1 page limit, excluding references); 2) a preliminary budget and justification, including the name of the collaborating network member, and 3) your NIH biosketch. Please cover the following topics: the significance of your research question, how your research is novel, a brief overview of the approach you plan to use and which studies you plan to compare, and expected outcomes.

Full proposals. If you are invited to submit a full proposal, please submit the following by **January 26, 2024** through the online application available at <https://micda.isr.umich.edu/programs/2024-micda-full-proposal/>. The full proposal should include: 1) Cover letter, 2) Abstract; 3) Specific Aims (1 page limit); 4) Research Strategy (2 page limit, excluding references) that covers significance, innovation, approach, and outcomes and includes a brief statement as to how your pilot relates to one of MiCDA's signature themes (available at <https://micda.isr.umich.edu/>); 5) PHS Budget pages and justification; 6) An NIH biosketch; and 7) For projects with human subjects research, complete applicable sections of the PHS human subjects and clinical trials information form.

Deadlines

Submit pre-proposals by **Friday, December 15, 2023**

Submit full proposals by **Friday, January 26, 2024**

Funding decisions are expected to be made in **February 2024**.

Funded projects will be required to submit Human Subjects approval or exemption by the UM IRB by **April 1, 2024**.

Please note that funding is contingent upon NIA approval, IRB approval and, for projects with a foreign component, foreign clearance by the US State Department.

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