

## Pilot Grant to Support Health Equity Research

The **Health Equity Work Group** is pleased to announce the launch of one \$25,000 pilot grant that can be used to support health equity related research that has the potential to lead to a larger study. This grant is designed to encourage community-engaged and action-oriented research that leads to programs, policies or practice change.

The pilot grant is intended to support School of Public Health faculty, postdocs, and advanced doctoral students (e.g., dissertation research).

### Application Guidelines

Proposals should be no more than two pages but must include:

- **Motivation/impact statement:** The motivation/impact statement is a succinct description of the proposed work, motivation and objectives.
- **Community:** Community of interest, possible benefits to community, and (if applicable) the role of community partners.
- **Research strategy:** Provide a description of the research questions and methods to address the research questions.
- **Health equity statement:** Provide a description of how the project centers health equity (health equity must be the major focal point of the study). Projects that focus on programs, policies or practice change versus individual behavior change are preferred.
- **Basic budget, justification, and timeline:** Include relevant budgetary and timeline information related to the project and how the grant funds will be used (e.g, participant incentives, equipment, etc.).
- **(For doctoral students only) Faculty mentor / letter of support:** Doctoral students must identify a faculty member who will provide mentorship for the proposed project. Additionally, that faculty member should write a brief letter of support.

### Eligibility

Any University of Minnesota School of Public Health faculty, postdocs, or advanced doctoral students conducting health equity related research can apply.

### Key Dates

The deadline for applications is **April 15, 2022**. Please submit your proposal to [hewg-sph@umn.edu](mailto:hewg-sph@umn.edu)

### Review and Scoring Criteria

All proposals will be reviewed by a committee consisting of Health Equity Work Group affiliated faculty members. Applicants will be notified of the review outcome by May 6, 2022. Awards will be made for one-year.

Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. **Project motivation and impact:** Is the project and potential impact clearly described?
2. **Community:** How will the community benefit from this project? How will the results be shared with the community? If applicable: What level of involvement do community members have?
3. **Health equity focus:** How does the project focus on health equity? What are the implications of this project for advancing further research related to health equity?
4. **Research strategy:** Is the strategy clear and does the approach align with the goals of the project?
5. **Impact of funds:** In the budget, timeline and justification clear and align with the project goals?
6. **(For doctoral students only):** Letter of support from faculty mentor provided.

### **Questions**

Please reach out to [hewg-sph@umn.edu](mailto:hewg-sph@umn.edu) if you have any questions.

### **Recognition**

These funds are made available by the University of Minnesota School of Public Health.