

Hopkins' Economics of Alzheimer's Disease & Services (HEADS) Center

2024-2025 Pilot Award Application Cycle Informational Session

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We invite applications for pilot grants related to our two HEADS themes:

- 1) Identify range of care needs of persons with ADRD and the economic consequences of ADRD for patients and families.
- 2) Examine how the organization, financing, and delivery of services affects accessibility, affordability, quality, and equity of ADRD care.

Racial disparities and caregiving are cross-cutting areas of interest

HEADS Center Pilot Core

CORE B: PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT (PILOT) CORE:

To provide funding, interdisciplinary research mentorship, and regulatory monitoring of novel pilot studies that can advance research within our themes, develop the careers of researchers addressing these themes, and attract investigators to the field.



Key Details

- We expect to competitively award up to 4 pilot grants of \$25,000 per award, with the flexibility of additional funding available based on the innovation and breadth of pilot scope in the coming cycle
- We are particularly interested in supporting promising post-doctoral fellows and junior faculty, but applicants may be of any rank
- We encourage applicants from under-represented racial and ethnic groups, as well as individuals with disabilities

Key Dates

Year 4: 2023-2024 Pilot Application Schedule

Letters of Intent Due (optional)	January 2, 2024, 11:59 PM (EST)
Complete Proposals Due	Thursday, February 1, 2024, 11:59 PM (EST)
Awards Announced	Early April 2024

Pilot Proposal Guidelines and Process

Research topics and methodologies:

- Studies should use and advance methods in economics and health services research
- Research should inform efforts to improve the care of persons with ADRD and/or mitigate the economic burden of ADRD

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Project duration

- Proposals should describe projects that can feasibly be completed in one year

Funds available

- Anticipated total award (directs + indirects): Up to \$25,000, with flexibility of additional funding available based on the innovation and breadth of pilot scope in the coming cycle

Pilot Proposal Guidelines and Process

Application and Submission Information: Letters of Intent (LOIs)

- Optional, but strongly encouraged to ensure appropriate reviewer expertise
- It is not binding, and study design can change after submission

Due date: 1/2/24

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Application and Submission Information cont'd:

Proposals

- Cover page (one page)
- Sections in this order: Study Aims, Significance, Innovation, Approach, Future Aims
- Required Supplemental Documents
- Budget Forms

Due date: 2/1/24

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Eligibility Criteria:

Eligible Institutions

- Colleges
- Universities
- Medical or Nursing Schools
- Other fiscally responsible organizations

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Eligibility Criteria cont'd:

Principal Investigator

- Must hold a doctorate degree (MD, PhD, PharmD or equivalent)
- Must hold a faculty, research scientist, post-doctoral fellow, or equivalent position by the start date of the award
- Applicants from under-represented racial and ethnic groups as well as individuals with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply for funding
- Interdisciplinary research teams are encouraged

Mentors

- Only required for PIs who are post-doctoral fellows
- Optional for everyone else
- If you have one or more mentors, include their NIH-style biosketch(es) or provide their name(s) and email(s)

Office Hours

- [Sign up here](#) for office hours if you are interested in meeting one-on-one with our pilot core faculty.
- Please fill in your name and email and a Zoom link will be sent to you 24 hours prior to your office hours appointment.
- Office Hours are limited to one 15-minute appointment per applicant.

Data Resources Available

- CMS Medicare and Medicaid claims data
 - [List of data files available](#)
 - Presentation with more details:
<https://youtu.be/olkQUrUurzM>
- CMS claims-linked NHATS and HRS data
- Contextual data on long-term services and supports (LTSS)

THANK YOU!



QUESTIONS?

Additional questions about the LOI and proposal process may be directed to: HEADSCenter@jh.edu

