All of Us Research Program
Call for Applications for Mini-Grant Awards

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DATES AND DEADLINE INFORMATION

Deadline for receipt of application: Friday, September 15, 2023
Notification of award: Monday, September 25, 2023
Funding period: October 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF THE AWARD

The goal of the All of Us Research Program Mini-Grant Researcher Awards Program is to accelerate the dissemination of information utilizing the All of Us Researcher Workbench to support diversity in the biomedical workforce. AACN is seeking "Dyads" of researchers and mentees (Faculty and Students) from AACN member schools to use the Researcher Workbench to answer two (2) or three (3) research questions. The Research Projects Directory includes information about all projects that currently exist in the Researcher Workbench to help provide transparency about how the Workbench is currently being utilized. The PI is expected to engage researchers by conducting educational in-services to their faculty and students to increase the number of users in the workbench. AACN is asking each institution to register two (2) or more researchers and record testimonial videos about experiences using the Researcher Workbench. Each awardee will present the findings from their study at a professional conference.

The All of Us Research Program’s centralized, secure, cloud-based platform allows researchers across a wide range of settings and institutions and at all stages of their careers (e.g., students, early-stage investigators) to execute rapid, hypothesis-driven research with just a computer and an Internet connection. All of Us facilitates equity in access in a deliberately inclusive way, creating a demographically diverse researcher cohort.

Interested applicants must be already affiliated with an institution that holds a Data Use and Registration Agreement (DURA) with NIH and the All of Us Research Program.

We encourage researchers who identify as belonging to one or more groups or communities that are underrepresented in the biomedical research workforce to apply. The following racial and ethnic groups have been shown to be underrepresented in biomedical research, as described in the Notice of NIH’s Interest in Diversity: Blacks or African Americans, Hispanics or Latinos, American Indians or Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders. Additional
groups that have been shown to be underrepresented in the biomedical research workforce include individuals with disabilities, individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds, LGBTQ+ and sexual and gender minority individuals, and more.

**APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY**

Applications will demonstrate the ability to access the *All of Us* Researcher Workbench and have the Dyad and research questions identified. The Dyad must allow time in their schedule for training on the Workbench and be familiar with R or python. Time commitment will include a bimonthly meeting with Dr. Brenda Baker and may include monthly attendance to the Community and Provider Gateway Initiative (CPGI) meetings, and collaboration with other CPGI-affiliated partners/researchers in your market area if applicable.

Note: Schools that are already receiving *All of Us* funding are not eligible to apply.

**AWARD ADMINISTRATION, APPLICATION, AND SELECTION PROCESS**

**INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT**

The applicant assumes responsibility for conducting the project and for supervising the work and communication of its associates. The application must show that adequate and appropriately equipped space will be available during the funding period. All team members must complete *All of Us* Research Program mandatory training, NIH-approved Protecting Human Research Participants training, and sign the Data User Code of Conduct.

AACN will administer the *All of Us* Research Program Mini-Grant Researcher Awards. AACN conducts the planning, coordination, and evaluation of applications. Candidates should be AACN member faculty or students working with a faculty member on the application.

Award recipients are selected through a competitive process. Applicants must submit a completed application form and budget justification.

**PROGRAM ACTIVITIES AND REQUIREMENTS**

*Progress and Final Reports:* The awardee is required to submit a monthly narrative progress report by the 10th of each month. In addition, a final narrative report will be required at the end of the performance period on June 30, 2024. Templates for the monthly report and the final narrative report will be provided when the mini-grant award is executed. Failure to provide the reports may negatively impact your institution’s ability to apply for future awards. These reports will be submitted to AACN for subsequent submission to NIH. All work and funds are to be completed and expended by June 20, 2024; no extensions will be available.

**BUDGET**

The budget consists of up to $12,000 for the awardee to conduct the project. The budget may be used for personnel, equipment, travel expenses, consultant services, computer software, printing,
and other materials and supplies as needed. **There are no institutional indirect costs allowed by this mini-grant funding mechanism. Awards are contingent on availability of funds.** No funds of the award may be used for gift cards as a mechanism to increase participation.

**HOW TO APPLY**

To apply, complete the [online application](#).

The following budget document must be filled out and uploaded to your application.

- [AACN Budget Template](#)

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