

**UAB****Center for Exercise Medicine and Center for the Study of Community Health****2023 Joint Pilot Grant  
REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS**

The UAB Center for Exercise Medicine ([UCEM](#)) and the Center for the Study of Community Health ([CSCCH](#)) are pleased to announce a joint RFA to fund pilot research that focuses on the intersection of exercise and community-based research. We anticipate funding projects that expand the scope of the applicant to include research relevant to these specific areas. Only proposals with a clear focus on the community will be considered. Funds should be used to generate key preliminary data to develop publications and contribute to an application for extramural funding. Funding that continues ongoing projects will not be considered.

Interdisciplinary projects focused on community-based participatory research to address issues connected to promoting exercise and physical activity participation in the community, especially social determinants of health are welcome. Projects that are responsive to upcoming/issued RFA or Program Announcements from NIH will be deemed highly responsive. Applications from PIs from multiple schools and/or that establish new collaborations are also encouraged.

If funded, the proposed start date of the pilot grant will be October 1, 2023. Budgets should be for one year and should not exceed \$40,000. We anticipate potentially supporting 2 projects; however funds will be awarded based on the merit of the applications. Awards are not renewable. Awardees will be encouraged to present their findings at campus and local research symposia and national scientific conferences.

**ELIGIBILITY and EXPECTATIONS**

1. Open to all full-time UAB faculty members at the Instructor rank or above. Junior faculty are encouraged to apply.
2. Projects should focus on the promotion of exercise and/or physical activity in the community (e.g., underserved populations of Alabama, school systems, rural communities, etc.)
3. Multi-investigator, team-based proposals – with emphasis on new collaborations – are encouraged.
4. Applications that are extensions of currently funded research will not be considered. A statement describing **BOTH** how this application differs from currently funded projects **AND** how it benefits the targeted community is required.
5. IRB protocol submission prior to the funding start date is required (if applicable).
6. Selected pilot projects are expected to lead to the submission of an extramural NIH or equivalent grant application within 12 months of pilot project expiration.

**APPLICATION INFORMATION**

The full application must include, in the following order:

1. Project title and summary describing the potential scientific implications of the project and list of all investigators, their expertise, and contributions to the project. (**≤ 1 pg.**)
2. NIH Biosketches for each proposed faculty participant (**≤ 5 pg. per investigator**)
3. Budget and justification, including a description of the management of the project (**≤ 2 pg.**)
  - If applicable, the source and extent of any matching funds and other available resources (with support letters)
4. Scientific overview of the project: hypotheses, aims, significance, innovation, & approach with prelim. data (**≤ 4 pg.**)
5. Timeline for milestones & deliverables, with a description of the targeted NIH (or other) grant mechanism (**≤ 1/2 pg.**)

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

Proposals must be submitted electronically in a single PDF to Purnima Janarthanan ([kjpurni@uab.edu](mailto:kjpurni@uab.edu)) by 5:00pm CT on June 25, 2023. All applications should use NIH PHS 398 forms for the cover page, key personnel, budget, budget justification, and the 5-page NIH biosketch with other support for all key personnel. Applications must use Arial 11-point font with 0.5-inch margins. Faculty salary, travel, or publication costs are not to be included. There are no indirect costs. Applications that are not formatted as described will not be reviewed.

**KEY DATES**

**Feb 1, 2023:** RFA Announcement  
**June 25, 2023:** Submissions Due

**July-September 2023:** Application Review  
**October 1, 2023:** Funding Start Date