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**The Chong Jin Park Innovative Early Career Pilot
Award in Aging and Palliative Care
&
The Ki Sub Joung Innovative Early Career Pilot
Award in Aging and Palliative Care 2021**

Application deadline: Monday, August 16, 2021

at 5pm EDT

DESCRIPTION OF THE PILOT AWARDS

The Mongan Institute Center for Aging and Serious Illness supports innovative, transdisciplinary research that leverages MGH's and the broader community's strengths to improve the well-being of older adults and those with serious illness.

The Chong Jin Park Innovative Early Career Pilot Award in Aging and Palliative Care & The Ki Sub Joung Innovative Early Career Faculty Pilot Award in Aging and Palliative Care will support innovative applied clinical research or implementation pilot project(s) (T3-4) focused on improving the evidence base for aging or serious illness care. This RFA will fund initial pilot work to provide data and planning for an externally funded, full-scale project grant (e.g. K award, R01, PCORI etc.). Applicants who hold a full-time appointment in any MGH Department, are pursuing a research career, and meet the eligibility criteria below are encouraged to apply.

The Chong Jin Park Innovative Early Career Pilot Award in Aging and Palliative Care will support research focused on achieving health equity and improving the lives of older people and or those with serious illness through research in population and health care delivery science. **The Ki Sub Joung Innovative Early Career Faculty Pilot Award in Aging and Palliative Care** will support research focused on improving the lives of older people and or those with serious illness, with an emphasis on the care of those living with cognitive impairment or their caregivers.

AWARD AMOUNT

Each award is \$50,000 per year, plus 15% indirect costs, starts October 1, 2021, with an end-date of September 30, 2022.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants must have a full-time MGH appointment at the time of application and during the entire award period.
- Applicants must not yet have reached the level of Associate Professor (e.g. Instructors and Assistant Professors) at the time of the award start date.
- Applicants from any MGH Department are eligible to apply.
- Faculty, including those who will be expecting an MGH appointment by the anticipated award start date of October 1, 2021, are invited to apply.
- Collaboration across Departments, Divisions, Research Units, and the Hospital, as well as partnerships with community-based organizations are strongly encouraged.
- At Mass General Hospital, we believe that because of diversity we excel. Therefore, women and URM candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.

REVIEW PROCESS

Applications will be evaluated by a committee of faculty appointed by the Center for Aging and Serious Illness. Candidates *will not* be provided with critiques of their application. For both awards, pilot awards will be selected based on the merit of the science and the likelihood of the candidate to contribute to the mission and work of the Mongan Institute Center for Aging and Serious Illness.

For the Ki Sub Joung Award, preference will be given to pilot proposals addressing important research questions touching on the care of those living with dementia and/or their caregivers.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The following four items must be included:

1. **Project title**
2. Layperson's **summary of your research work** (200 words)
3. **Cover letter** (1-page limit), stating the nature of appointment at MGH, describing independent accomplishments, and discussing expected career goals.
4. **Project or Research Plan:** (3-page, single spaced limit not including references, 11-point Arial font with 0.5-inch margins for items a – g listed below)
 - a. Specific aims
 - b. Background/significance
 - c. Innovation
 - d. Approach
 - e. How the pilot will contribute to future funding
 - f. Timeline & milestones
 - g. Identified mentor whose role and commitment to mentoring is described in the project or research plan.
 - h. References
 - i. Budget and Budget Justification
 - j. Biosketch in NIH format
 - k. Human subjects/IRB plan

KEY DATES

RFA Announcement: June 18, 2021

Applications Due: August 16, 2021 by 5 pm EDT

Funding Decision Announced: Sept 2021

Anticipated Funding Start Date: Oct 1, 2021

Note: References, NIH-format biosketches, documents on PHS 398 budget and budget justification forms, human subjects, IRB plan, and approved protocols do not count towards the 3-page limit. Appendices other than survey examples or interview guides are not allowed. **Complete applications should be submitted in one PDF file to the Mongan Institute Center for Aging and Serious Illness email address CenterforAgingandSeriousIllness@mgh.harvard.edu by 5:00 PM EDT August 16, 2021.**

Questions should be directed to the CenterforAgingandSeriousIllness@mgh.harvard.edu