The Family Resiliency Center (FRC) announces faculty seed grant funding through the Christopher Family Foundation Food and Family Program. The Food and Family Program is designed to support innovative interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research that can unravel the complex connections between the family environment and healthy active lifestyles for all. We expect to fund up to three proposals with funding up to $50,000 each. The grant period will begin June 15, 2016 and will be for 18 months (6/15/16-12/15/17).

There are three funding priorities in this call for proposals:
1. **The intersection between individual biology and family relationships** to promote healthy development. These proposals should aim to connect how biological factors such as genetic risk, the microbiome, or physiological reactivity may interact with family relationships to promote healthy development associated with diet quality and/or access to food.
2. **Family and household factors that contribute to persistence of food insecurity** above and beyond household income. Proposals in this priority area may address such issues as why some low income households are not food insecure, how household budgets are managed in food insecure households, and how chronic health conditions affect household food insecurity.
3. **Immigrant health, family relationships, and diet quality.** Proposals in this priority area should address how family relationships may be used to strengthen immigrant health in the face of changing dietary habits. Attention to risk for chronic health disease, including obesity and diabetes, should be included in these proposals.

We anticipate awarding up to three seed grants of up to $50,000 each.

**Proposal Criteria:** Each proposal will be reviewed by two members of the Family Resiliency Center’s Internal Advisory Board. Final funding decision is made by the FRC’s Director.

Proposals are reviewed using a modified NIH scoring system. Each criteria is scored 1-9.

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Significance: Does the proposal address one of the key priority areas identified in the call for proposals? Does the proposal clearly identify specific aims to address a significant problem? Will the results of this study lead advances in scientific knowledge?

Investigators: Does the investigative team have the requisite skills to complete the proposed study? Is there a clear plan for how the investigators will work together? Are the interdisciplinary or transdisciplinary strengths clearly identified?

Innovation: Does the proposal utilize new and innovative interdisciplinary or transdisciplinary approaches or methodologies? Are the concepts or methodologies, broadly speaking, innovative to this field of investigation?

Approach: Are the overall strategy, methodology, and analyses well-reasoned and appropriate to accomplish the specific aims of the project? Do the specific aims seem reasonable and feasible to accomplish in the proposed time frame?

Environment: Is there institutional support, equipment and other physical resources available to the investigators to conduct the proposed work? Are there letters of support from the respective Department Heads?

Overall Impact: Overall assessment of the proposal and likelihood it will lead to future external funding.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND GRANTEE EXPECTATIONS

- Awardees will attend a new grantee meeting (TBD, early June).
- PI's and team members will be expected to attend Food & Family Program Grantee Brown Bag sessions. They will be expected to present twice: 1) project overview in Fall 2016 or early Spring 2017; 2) project results Fall 2017.
- All publications and presentations will recognize FRC support with the following text: This project was supported, in part, with funding from the Christopher Family Foundation Food and Family Program at the Family Resiliency Center, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- A final report must filed with the Director of the Family Resiliency Center no later than December 31, 2017.

PROPOSAL DETAILS

Applications should be submitted at http://go.illinois.edu/FoodandFamilyProposals.

Proposals are due March 31, 2016 at 5:00 pm

- Short Title of Project (45 character minimum)
- Names, Contact Information and Affiliations of Principal Investigators
- Each proposal must include at least two investigators from two different disciplines
- Background/Rationale and Specific Aims (one page, single space, 12 point font)
- Method/Approach (one to one and a half page, single space, 12 point font)

The proposal must include a statement about how the methods and approach is interdisciplinary or transdisciplinary in nature and addresses a significant problem from an interdisciplinary or transdisciplinary approach.

- Plans for Dissemination, Outreach, and Future grant proposals (one half page, single space, 12 point font)
- Budget (Investigators should use OSPRA budget format: http://sponsoredprograms.illinois.edu/proposals/prep_budget.html. Please note that there are no indirect costs.)
- Budget Narrative
- Biosketch Principal Investigators – (NIH Format)
- Letters of Support

Must include a letter of support from the Department Head of each Primary Investigator.