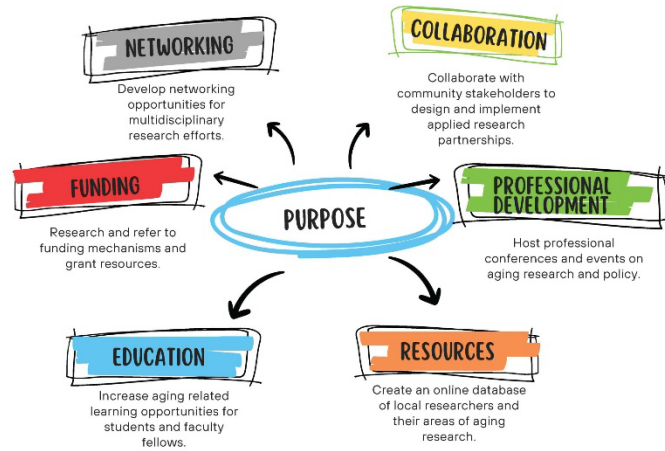




Regional Aging Research Network (RARN):

Call for Pilot Research Awards



The Regional Aging Research Network (RARN) as part of the Center for Excellence in Aging and Longevity (CEAL), is proud to announce its call for Pilot Research Awards that help fulfill the mission of the RARN and CEAL. Up to 5 Pilot Research Awards will be funded through one-year competitive awards (up to \$10,000) to provide support for early stage projects that can lead to larger extramural funding. Funds can be used for direct costs towards completing the study (e.g., research materials and supplies, participant incentives, hourly research assistant compensation, travel reimbursement for data collection, translation of study materials, transcription, etc.), but may not cover financial compensation to the PIs or co-PIs. Pilot Research Awards are available to SDSU faculty members and must include a community partner and/or a UCSD partner.

The guiding values, challenges and priority areas of research that RARN proposes to address can be found here:

<https://ceal.sdsu.edu/focus-areas/research-and-policy/>

Funded proposals will need to address one or more of these priorities by forming meaningful collaborations between researchers and community partners in hopes of providing real world outcomes for older adults in San Diego (and beyond, if appropriate).



Community partners include but are not limited to government agencies, faith-based organizations, nonprofit organizations, healthcare systems, schools, direct service providers, and senior housing.

At the end of the funding cycle, funded teams will be invited to present the results of their research at the RARN symposium in May 2025.

Application Deadline, Notices of Awards, and Funding Cycle:

Application Deadline: Friday, March 15th, 2024 @ 5:00 P.M. (PST)

Notice of Awards: May 2024

Funding Cycle: June 1, 2024 – May 31, 2025

Review Process

Pilot Research Awards applications are reviewed by at least two members of the research committee of the Regional Aging Research Network, which is composed of the 3 co-chairs and 3 additional members from SDSU, UCSD, and the community. Based on the review criteria described below, this committee provides their reviews and rankings to the Directors of CEAL who then make the final funding decisions.

Review Criteria

Criteria: 1 = Poor; 2 = Fair; 3 = Good; 4 = Excellent; 5 = Outstanding

Criterion 1: Significance (relevance, significance, contributions to the field and community), Score of 1-5

Criterion 2: Approach (Appropriateness of design and methods, Feasibility and scope, Budget), Score of 1-5

Criterion 3: Investigator (Expertise of PIs in area of investigation, track-record of refereed publications, presentations, community service, etc. relative to rank), Score of 1-5

Criterion 4: Community Partner(s) (historical and current connections to older adults, infrastructure to support and commitment to the project), Score 1-5

Criterion 5: New Investigator/New line of research, Yes/ No

Criterion 6: Likelihood of future extramural funding, Yes / No

Overall Impact: Score of 1-5

Length of Proposal:

Total number of pages is 4, including references. All of the above-mentioned criteria must be addressed in these 4 pages. These 4 pages do not include letters of support or budget pages.

Letter of Support:

The community partner(s) must provide a letter of support.

Budget:

A budget justification must be included, justifying each item listed in the budget.

Eligible expenses include student workers, supplies, software, reagents, participant incentives, project-related travel, transcription services, wearables, room rental, recharge services, and project-related laptops/iPads.

PI/Co-I salary, professional conference travel-related expenses, food, and beverages are not eligible.

Please submit your proposal combined in one pdf document by email at: ceal@sdsu.edu