



The Texas Center for Equity Promotion (TexCEP) Faculty Pilot Awards



ABOUT

The Texas Center for Equity Promotion (TexCEP) brings together a diverse set of interdisciplinary scholars across UT's colleges and schools whose research and practice examine and address inequities that impact education and health. Our mission is to support and conduct high-quality applied research, disseminate evidence-based information, and train future professionals regarding the nature, origins, contexts, effects, and elimination of inequities in education and health. We have a commitment to ensuring scientific equity, or a focus on equity at the core of all aspects of the research process. Scientific equity calls for increased representation, accountability, and engagement for the sake of producing research that is meaningful and impactful to diverse communities and particularly those who have been historically excluded in science. Scientific equity is consistent with and compliments the methodological rigor and prevention science principles that are integral components of TexCEP.

FACULTY PILOT AWARDS

Grants up to \$6000 will be awarded to pilot projects that address health and/or education inequities using a scientific equity approach. Priority will be given to projects that are led or co-led by junior faculty, are interdisciplinary, and will be used to pursue extramural funding.

Eligibility: Any faculty with a primary appointment at UT Austin. Faculty must be TexCEP faculty affiliates (applicants may complete the affiliate request at time of submission).

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

A proposal that includes the following:

- a. Project Title
- b. Specific Aims, Significance, Innovation, and Approach of Research Strategy (3-page maximum)
- c. Plan for extramural grant proposal, including target date and funding mechanism
- d. References
- e. NIH-style Biosketch for the project PI(s)
- f. A budget explaining how the funds will be used. Funds cannot be spent on investigator(s) salary support or travel or faculty consultancy fees. Research Staff support (e.g., GRA, Coordinator, etc.) is permissible (include fringe, no indirect costs).

Proposals should follow NIH formatting specifications of 0.5" margins, Arial, 11-point font, single spaced.

SELECTION CRITERIA

We seek proposals that address health and/or education inequities and that apply a scientific equity approach. Applicants are encouraged to familiarize themselves with our [equity-centered guidelines](#) for research. Projects will be assessed based on alignment with [TexCEP mission and vision](#). We are particularly interested in projects that support early career faculty and that are

interdisciplinary and collaborative. Each proposal will be reviewed by TexCEP administrators and affiliated faculty.

FUNDS

An account for project related expenses will be set up in the PI's name within TexCEP. The funds will be available until July 31, 2024.

TIMELINE

Submit all materials via this [link](#) no later than **11:59pm (CST) on November 27th**.

Faculty will be notified about the application decision by **December 15th**.

Questions may be directed to TexCEP@utexas.edu.