

Palliative Research Enhancement Project (PREP)
REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS
LOI Deadline: 5pm CT, October 25, 2023

The **Center for Palliative and Supportive Care** invites innovative research proposals highlighting palliative and supportive care for the 2023 PREP Awards. The mission of **PREP** is to fund innovative research of UAB community investigators to enhance the prospects for external funding opportunities and contribute to the palliative and supportive care evidence base.

The funding is for one year and a maximum of **\$25,000**. Funds will be available beginning **March 1, 2024**.

There is one award type this year – General PREP:

- **General PREP** – will support research in the area of palliative and supportive care in cancer patients, aging populations, or other populations with serious illness.
**Strong consideration will be given to projects that consider access, communication, culture, health equity, caregiver support, have future impact on regional palliative and supportive care delivery, are interdisciplinary and collaborative.*
**Projects that consider pediatric and young adolescent population are also encouraged.*

*For more information regarding our research priorities, please visit:
<https://www.uab.edu/medicine/palliativecare/research>*

ELIGIBILITY and EXPECTATIONS

1. Open to UAB faculty at all ranks. Post-doctoral students and early career faculty members are encouraged to apply with a UAB faculty mentor who has extensive research experience. *Strong consideration will be given to early career investigators with intentions of continuing the research after the award period ends.* Current or former PREP Awardees (PIs) are not eligible.
2. Projects can be interdisciplinary, translational, policy-related, clinical or educational. Projects may use community based participatory methods as appropriate. Note: if your proposal involves an element of community engagement, we would encourage the inclusion of a community member in your proposal.
3. Projects that currently have extramural funding will not be considered.
4. Awardees will provide 6 and 12-month reports, and present project findings at UAB Center for Palliative and Supportive Care Center Scholars Forum. All funds awarded must be spent within 12 months of award.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

1. A Letter of Intent (LOI) should be submitted electronically by **5pm CT October 25, 2023**. The LOI should not exceed 800 words and should include the following:
 - **Research plan**
Present an abstract of the research you plan, including specific aims, impact, innovation, significance, and design components (study subjects, variables, sample size, etc.).
 - **Promoting CPSC Mission**
Briefly describe how this research would help promote the mission of the CPSC. (To see the CPSC's Mission, Vision, and Values please click [here](#)).

- **Training plan (for early career investigators and Postdoctoral fellows only)**
Describe the role of your mentor(s) and indicate any plans for additional training.
- **Resources**
Summarize the resources that are currently available to you.
- **Next Steps**
Describe how this proposal will allow you to continue your program of research after the conclusion of the PREP cycle.

LOIs should be uploaded as a single PDF on the REDCap webpage [here](#). At the end of the PDF, applicants should include the PI's biosketch. Biosketches should be in the NIH 5 page format. (For more information on the NIH 5 page format please click [here](#)).

2. PIs selected to submit full proposals will be notified by **October 31, 2023**. The full proposal will be **due on December 15, 2023 by 5 PM**. The instructions for the full application will be emailed to the project PI once the application has been selected.

September 1, 2023 RFA Announcement	October 25, 2023 Letter of Intent deadline	October 31, 2023 Full Proposal applicants notified
December 15, 2023 Full proposal deadline	February 1, 2024 Notification of Award	March 1, 2024 Funds available

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