

Interprofessional Hartford Award for Research and Practice Call for OHSU Faculty Applications

Applications due: April 21, 2025, by 5:00 p.m. PDT
Anticipated date for notification of award: June 13, 2025
Funding begins: Upon the IRB approval, but no sooner than September 1, 2025

The purpose of the Interprofessional Hartford Award for Research and Practice (IP HARP) program is to provide support for OHSU faculty research and practice change projects aimed at improving the health and health care of older people through team-based science and innovations in care. The research funding is to support pilot studies to assess feasibility, collect preliminary data to support an external grant application, or a process improvement initiative. Investigators are encouraged to consider the website NIH [“The National Institute on Aging Strategic Directions for Research, 2020-2025”](#) when constructing application materials. The HARP program core values include innovation, accountability for outcomes, and sustainable programs of research or practice improvement.

Applications are invited for one-year projects of up to \$25,000.

Faculty Eligibility Criteria

The IP HARP is available to all OHSU faculty who have completed a clinical or research doctorate. This includes the Schools of Nursing, Dentistry, Public Health, and Medicine, and the College of Pharmacy. If the proposed Principal Investigator (PI) holds a primary appointment outside of the School of Nursing (SON), there must be a Co-Investigator (Co-I) from the SON; an interprofessional research team is a requirement of this award. Preference is first given to faculty who have completed their terminal degree within the past 10 years, then to faculty who have completed their terminal degree more than 10 years ago and are developing an interest in the health and health care of older adults. Senior faculty members are strongly encouraged to mentor junior faculty on collaborative projects. Previous PIs of HARP grants are eligible to apply, but priority will be given to new applicants and proposals that investigate to better *Understand health disparities related to aging and develop strategies to improve the health status of older adults in diverse populations*, according to [NIH National Institute on Aging website](#).

Hartford Center of Gerontological Excellence (HCGE) welcomes applications from all qualified individuals. We do not discriminate based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic make-up, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

Significant changes to personnel or their effort commitments require prior approval. Funding is not transferrable to another institution. In a case where the HARP PI leaves OHSU, in consultation with the HCGE Director, another faculty member on the study or project team will be appointed as PI.

Proposal Process and Timeline

Applicants must work through their respective School or College pre-award offices and adhere to all OHSU Office of Proposal and Award Management (OPAM) requirements for grant applications.

Institutional approval by the designated signing official in Research Development and Administration (RDA) must be submitted with your application.

Each grant proposal will be evaluated by external reviewers with substantive expertise in the topic addressed. **Please list two possible proposal reviewers, outside of OHSU, familiar with your topic area.** A summary of reviewer comments will be provided to the applicant. The final decisions are based on the scientific merit and relevance to the HARP's purpose and core values.

The deadline for submission is April 21, 2025, by 5:00 p.m. PDT. Please send one combined PDF to Beverly Bruechert, HCGE Program Administrator, at bruecher@ohsu.edu. Funding begins upon the IRB approval, but no sooner than September 1, 2025.

Proposal Guidelines

The proposal includes the following six elements:

1. Proposal Title Page:
 - a. Study title
 - b. Principal investigator name, credentials, and contact information
 - c. Co-investigator name(s) and credentials and list of key personnel
 - d. Abstract
2. Proposal should include the following sections (limited to 5 pages; must be single-spaced in Arial, 11-point font; with 1" margins on all sides):
 - a. *Narrative*: Specific Aims, Background/Significance, Preliminary Studies or Activities, Project Design and Methods, Human Subjects (if applicable)
 - b. *Timeline*: Plan for conducting the project within the one-year timeframe and feasibility under the current pandemic circumstances.
 - c. *Plan for future extramural funding or sustainability*: Potential future funding agency and planned submission date with tentative aims for future proposal(s), or need for additional pilot work as a necessary step toward extramural funding, or the development of a sustainability plan
 - d. *Additional deliverables that support merit*: Peer-reviewed journal articles and briefing papers; blogs, video primers, or vlogs (video blogs); establishment of community partnerships that could lead to new projects; and/or research agendas that outline research/scholarship/practice needs and opportunities.
3. Budget, justification for proposed expenses, and RDA approval: The budget is not included in the page limit. The budget should be approximately one page and include line items with costs, followed by a narrative budget justification.

Please note: HARP funds are restricted and do not fund PI or Co-I salaries, i.e., FTE. Also not supported are tuition or fees for GRA, indirect costs, or travel for general development.

Allowable expenses include:

 - Personnel costs for research staff, including student RAs
 - Services, supplies, and small equipment
 - Publication and printing costs
 - Project implementation costs
 - Travel expenses necessary for conducting the research or project
 - Travel expenses for the purpose of disseminating HARP results (up to \$2000)
 - Consultant fees and travel
 - Participant incentives

Food and refreshments when appropriate for meetings that include study participants, e.g., focus groups (Food expenses should meet OHSU policy)

4. References cited: References are not included in the page limit. List all references cited in the proposal narrative and, if appropriate, additional resources used to develop the proposal and plan the study. References must be in APA format.
5. Appendices: The appendices are not included in the page limit.
 - a. Contact information and rationale for two (2) external reviewers (outside OHSU) for the proposal
 - b. A current non-fellowship [NIH biographical sketch](#) for each key member of the study or project team
 - c. Instruments and data collection tools (include permission to use instrument or tools, if appropriate)
 - d. Educational or other materials critical to the success of the study or project
 - e. Description of partnerships: When appropriate, include a brief description of partnerships required to complete the research or project. These include any partnership arrangements with a novice researcher, as well as partnership arrangements with transdisciplinary or multi-site studies.
 - f. Letter(s) of support indicating access to settings and participants, and letters from consultants or others important to the success of the study or project
6. Letter of support from department/division chair: Letter of support is not included in page limit. A LOS from your department or division chair is required. It should acknowledge approval of your HARP funding application and describe any institutional or departmental sources of bridge funding. It should also clearly describe the level of commitment offered to the applicant during the HARP funding period and beyond. Evidence of tangible, stable support, e.g., space, salary, and other research support, which demonstrates a clear commitment to the applicant's long-term development as a member of the University is important. The Chair acknowledges in their LOS that there will be no F&A/Indirect return from the grant.

Proposal Evaluation Criteria:

1. *Innovative*: The proposal represents an original idea, or the proposed research or project addresses an important and significant need in a novel way.
2. *Relevant*: The proposal has the potential to improve the health or health care for older adults.
3. *Synergistic*: The proposal leverages existing resources at OHSU through collaborative work across OHSU's schools and programs and other aging initiatives.
4. *Merit*: The aims are likely to achieve the expectations of this funding mechanism. The approach is supported with sound rationale. The methods of the study are rigorous, well described, and have strong scientific merit.
5. *Feasible*: The proposal is appropriately scoped in budget and aims to be completed within one year.

Expected Outcomes

Grantees agree to:

1. Develop specific plans on how the proposed deliverables for this grant will be attained. Deliverables will be evaluated based on the impact on furthering gerontological research via external funding, increasing OHSU capacity to conduct future gerontological research, or its impact on practice (ex. practice change, leadership development) and systems (ex. process improvement, leadership commitment, infrastructure, institutionalization).

2. Provide a brief interim report to the HCGE Project Administrator by January 30, 2026. In 500 words or less, please update us on where you are in your research or project, including barriers (if any) to timely completion. Include a brief budget report (not included in word count).
3. Complete the HARP study or project within one year and submit a final report within 60 days of the grant's end date. The **final report** is not to exceed two pages and should include an abstract of findings/outcomes, plans for future funding or sustainability, confirmation of dissemination of findings in a publication(s) and of presentation(s), and a final budget report.
4. Present the results of the HARP study or project to the OHSU community or relevant conference within six months of the completion date.

Note: Please acknowledge the HARP and HCGE as supporters of the funded research project during local and national presentations and lectures, and in publications. Use the following wording: *This study was supported by the Frances Price Estate Fund through the OHSU Foundation and Hartford Award for Research and Practice (HARP). This fund is administered by the Hartford Center of Gerontological Excellence at OHSU.*

Program Management

Post award financial management is administered by your School or College post-award officers, i.e., tracking expenditures, budget reconciliation, setting up contracts, etc.

No-cost extensions will be considered non-competitively but must be requested within 90 days of the end-date of the awarded grant, not before, and approved by the HCGE.

The HCGE oversees the HARP program. Please direct all communication regarding the HARP program to Beverly Bruechert, HCGE Program Administrator, at bruecher@ohsu.edu.

About the Hartford Center of Gerontological Excellence at OHSU

The Hartford Center of Gerontological Nursing Excellence was funded by the John A. Hartford Foundation (JAHF) from 2001-2015. During that time, the Center distinguished itself in gerontological research, family caregiving, and enhancing undergraduate and graduate education in gerontological nursing.

Post JAHF funding, we have made it our mission to enhance and sustain the capacity of health professionals to provide quality care to older adults through interprofessional research, education, adoption of best practices, and faculty and leadership development. A new initiative within the Center seeks to promote *Healthy Aging for All*.

The HCGE is honored to provide consistent stewardship of the HARP program made possible through an endowment by the Frances Price Estate Fund.