Penn PROMOTES Research on Sex and Gender in Health is requesting applications for its pilot grant program. Penn PROMOTES is the newest Anchor Program within the Office of Inclusion and Diversity at the Perelman School of Medicine. Penn PROMOTES has institutional outreach through its K12 program, Building Interdisciplinary Research in Women’s Health (BIRCWH) and other school-wide initiatives. Penn PROMOTES primary mission is to encourage consideration and active exploration of the role that sex and gender play in human health and disease, from biology to behavior.

**ELIGIBILITY**

*Junior faculty, including Associate level, who wish to add a focus on sex or gender in their area of research.*

*Senior post-doctoral fellows with at least a 2-year commitment from division or department head.*

*Appointment at one of the 12 University of Pennsylvania schools or institutes.*

Proposals from all areas of clinical, basic, behavioral and social/community research are encouraged. We especially encourage proposals that address areas of particular interest including:

- Sex and gender as a biological variable in basic and translation research
- Sex and gender issues in health disparities
- Sex and gender issues in community outreach programs or clinical initiatives
- Sex and gender issues in the LGBTQ community
- Sex and gender issues in social policy, education, communications related to health

**RFA REQUIREMENTS**

- Two page description of the project to be conducted, including the following:
  - Rationale for considering sex or gender in a given area of research;
  - Expected significance of the line of investigation and anticipated findings;
  - Specific aims and hypotheses
  - Brief description of methods: sufficient to assess likelihood of success
  - Supportive preliminary or pilot data if available (may use data from the literature to support rationale for the proposed investigation)
- Budget with justification
- Statement of how funding will likely lead to future extramural research support
- Biosketch and other support

**RESOURCES**

For information regarding how to consider sex or gender in research, we refer applicants to the following resources:

- Penn PROMOTES [https://www.med.upenn.edu/penn-promotes/](https://www.med.upenn.edu/penn-promotes/)
- NIH Office of Research on Women’s Health [https://orwh.od.nih.gov/](https://orwh.od.nih.gov/)
- Canadian Institutes of Health Research [http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/8673.html](http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/8673.html)

**Amount:** We will fund awards up to $40,000 for each grant. Funding may be used to support investigator salary, research staff and/or equipment, laboratory costs and subjects payments. Grants are for a one-year period and are not renewable. Funding expect to start in April/May 2017.

**Application Deadline:** 5pm Friday, March 3, 2017