

**The Chong Jin Park Innovative Early Career Pilot
Award in Aging and Palliative Care 2023
&
The Ki Sub Joung Innovative Junior Faculty Pilot
Award in Aging and Palliative Care 2023**

Application deadline: Thursday July 13, 2023, at 5PM EDT

DESCRIPTION OF THE PILOT AWARDS

The Mongan Institute Center for Aging and Serious Illness (CASI) supports innovative, transdisciplinary research that leverages MGH's and the broader community's strengths to improve the well-being of older adults and those with serious illness.

The Center for Aging and Serious Illness' Early Career Pilot Awards in Aging and Palliative Care will support innovative applied clinical research or clinical implementation pilot project(s) (T3-4) focused on improving the evidence base for aging or serious illness care. This award will fund initial pilot work to provide data and planning for an externally funded, full-scale project grant (e.g., K award, R01, PCORI etc.). Applicants who hold a full-time faculty appointment in any MGH Department, are pursuing a research career, and meet the eligibility criteria below are encouraged to apply.

The Chong Jin Park Innovative Early Career Pilot Award in Aging and Palliative Care will support research focused on achieving health equity and improving the lives of older people and or those with serious illness through research in population and health care delivery science. **The Ki Sub Joung Innovative Junior Faculty Pilot Award in Aging and Palliative Care** will support research focused on improving the lives of older people and or those with serious illness, with an emphasis on the care of those living with cognitive impairment or their caregivers.

AWARD AMOUNT

Each award is \$50,000 per year, plus 20% indirect costs, starts September 1, 2023, with an end-date of August 31, 2024.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants must have a full-time MGH faculty appointment at the start of the award and during the entire award period. Applicants must not yet have reached the level of Associate Professor (e.g., Instructors and Assistant Professors) at the time of the award start date.
- Applicants from any MGH Department are eligible to apply.
- Faculty, including those who will be expecting an MGH appointment by the anticipated award start date of September 1, 2023, are invited to apply.
- Collaboration across Departments, Divisions, Research Units, and the Hospital, as well as partnerships with community-based organizations are strongly encouraged.
- Women and UIM candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.

REVIEW PROCESS

Applications will be evaluated by a committee of faculty appointed by the Center for Aging and Serious Illness. Candidates *will not* be provided with critiques of their application. For both awards, pilot awards will be selected based on the merit of the science and the likelihood of the candidate to contribute to the mission and work of the Mongan Institute Center for Aging and Serious Illness. NOTE: For the Ki Sub Joung Award, preference will be given to pilot proposals addressing important research questions touching on the *care of those living with dementia and/or their caregivers*.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The following four items must be included:

1. **Project title**
2. Layperson's **summary of your research work** (200 words)
3. **Cover letter** (1-page limit), stating the nature of appointment at MGH, describing independent accomplishments, and discussing expected career goals.
4. **Letter of reference** from supervisor or mentor
5. **Project or Research Plan:** (4-pages for items a – g listed below, single spaced limit not including references, 11-point Arial font with 0.5-inch margins)
 - a. Specific aims
 - b. Background/significance
 - c. Innovation
 - d. Approach
 - e. How the pilot will contribute to future funding
 - f. Timeline & milestones
 - g. Identified mentor whose role and commitment to mentoring is described in the project or research plan.
 - h. References (no page limit)
 - i. Budget and Budget Justification (see template below)
 - j. Biosketch in NIH format
 - k. Human subjects/IRB plan (1 page)

KEY DATES

RFA Announcement: June 8, 2023

Applications Due: July 13, 2023, by 5PM EDT

Funding Decision Announced: August 2023

Anticipated Funding Start Date: September 1, 2023

Note: References, NIH-format Biosketches, documents on PHS 398 budget and budget justification forms, human subjects, IRB plan, and approved protocols do not count towards the 3-page limit. Appendices other than survey examples or interview guides are not allowed.

Complete applications should be submitted in one PDF file to the Mongan Institute Center for Aging and Serious Illness email address CenterforAgingandSeriousillness@mgh.harvard.edu by 5:00 PM EDT July 13, 2023.

Questions should be directed to the CenterforAgingandSeriousillness@mgh.harvard.edu

BUDGET

Personnel	Current Annual Salary	% Effort	Calendar Months	% Fringe Benefits	Salary Request	Fringe	Total
Senior/Key Personnel							
Other Personnel							
Subtotal Personnel							
Other Direct Costs							
Materials & Supplies							
Participant remuneration							
Software licenses							
Subtotal Other Direct Costs							
Total Direct Costs							
MTDC Base							
F&A Rate							
Indirect Cost							
Total DIRECT & INDIRECT COSTS							

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION

The budget justification, serves several purposes, such as:

1. It explains how the costs were estimated.
2. It justifies the need for the costs.
3. It indicates how the PI intends to manage the project (PIs and DAs should take care to ensure that the effort percentages listed for the PI and Key.)

Personnel and the itemized costs should be specific to the scope of work. Suggested categories are Key Personnel, Other Personnel, Supplies, Fringe Benefit Statement, Indirect Cost Statement.

Key Personnel

For each individual, include their name, degree, role, and effort in calendar months.

Other Personnel

For each individual, include their name, degree, role, and effort in calendar months.

Fringe Benefits & Facilities and Administrative/Indirect Costs Rate Statements

Please include a statement of Fringe benefits applied to each salary (e.g. "Fringe benefits are calculated at the MGH institutional FY22-FY23 rate of 33% of salary for professional staff and 33% for non-professional staff").

Please include a statement of the Facilities and Administrative (F&A) Costs Rate per MGH policy.

Other Costs/Supplies

Categories may include, but are not limited to: Materials and Supplies; Participant Remuneration; Software Licenses.

