



Boston University School of Social Work  
Center for Innovation in Social Work & Health

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**CISWH-SPH-SSW Research Collaboration Development Pilot Funding**  
**Request for Proposals (RFP)**

## Summary

The Boston University School of Social Work's Center for Innovation in Social Work & Health (CISWH), in partnership with the School of Social Work and the School of Public Health, is pleased to announce Request for Proposals (RFP) for the CISWH-SPH-SSW Research Collaboration Development Pilot Funding grant. Social Work and Public Health share a common interest in the promoting the health of populations. This RFP aims to encourage innovative work that aspires to generate scholarship towards that end building on collaborations between faculty in the Schools of Public Health and Social Work. We are seeking proposals from faculty<sup>1</sup> in these schools in one or more of the following domains:

- i. Outcomes-oriented research
- ii. Practice and community partnerships
- iii. Education and training
- iv. Policy development and advocacy

One pilot grant will be awarded to faculty in the amount of \$35,000 for a one year period beginning September 2019. Applicants must include at least one faculty from each school. Grantees will carry out an innovative pilot project that upon completion will lead to the pursuit of external funding involving the SPH and SSW faculty. Applicants proposals must be consistent with CISWH's [mission and goals](#) where attention to social determinants of health and collaboration with communities are strongly encouraged.

The grant award should be used within one calendar year. Grantees must submit a written report of activities and results, in a format suitable for website publication, within 30 days of the grant's end-date. The grantee is expected to submit a follow up proposal to an external sponsor for funding to sustain a larger scale project that builds on the pilot. Awardee will be asked to acknowledge support from CISWH and BUSPH in presentations, publications, etc.

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<sup>1</sup>Faculty refers to individuals with appointments on tenure, non-tenure, and research lines at SSW, and in all tracks (unmodified, research, clinical, lecturer, practice) at SPH.

## Eligibility

All SPH and SSW faculty (as defined on page 1) are eligible to apply for funding. Funding cannot be used to support faculty salary, fringes, indirect costs, or conference travels. Funding may be used to hire RAs, costs of accessing administrative data, hire or compensate community partners (non-BU) as staff and pay for community partners' programming or research expenses, and other research-related expenses. Projected expenses should be clearly described in the budget justification. We do not anticipate allowing grantees to carry over unspent funds.

### IMPORTANT DATES

**RFP Release Date:** February 26, 2019

**Proposal Due Date:** June 14, 2019

**Successful Proposal Identified:** July 31, 2019

**Program Start Date:** September 2, 2019

**Program End Date:** August 28, 2020

## Submission

All proposals must be submitted in a single PDF and include the relevant documents listed. Submissions should be up to 5 single-spaced pages in total for the narrative section. Budget, staff bios, and any letters of support do not count as part of the 5 pages. Responses to all questions listed on page 3 are required (see Project Information Overview section). Please email completed proposals to [ciswh@bu.edu](mailto:ciswh@bu.edu). Proposals are due by 5:00pm Friday June 14, 2019. Proposals that are not received by the deadline will not be considered. The successful applicant will be notified no later than July 31, 2019. Funds will be awarded by September 2, 2019.

## About CISWH

The Center for Innovation in Social Work & Health's mission is to expand the impact of social work in health, public health, and global health in order to reduce health costs, improve outcomes, improve patient experience, promote population health and stimulate health equity nationally and globally. The Center promotes social work leadership in health through inter-professional and transdisciplinary collaboration with public health, medicine, health economics, technology and other relevant disciplines. The Center accomplishes its mission through outcomes-oriented research, community partnerships, policy development, and education and training.

For more information, please visit: [www.bu.edu/ciswh](http://www.bu.edu/ciswh)

## Evaluation

Proposals will be evaluated based on their responses to the questions below and the extent to which the proposal aligns with the CISWH Priority Areas (Appendix A, page 6).

## Contact

Please direct any questions to Madi Wachman, Assistant Director, CISWH Programs and Projects at [madi@bu.edu](mailto:madi@bu.edu).

## Project Information Overview

*Please provide responses to each numbered item and use the sub-headings to organize sections. Please use Times New Roman typeface, single space, 1-inch margins, and 12-point font size.*

### **Cover Page (see page 5 for template)**

- I. Identify the Principal Investigators, key staff, and any community partners.** Joint Principal Investigators are allowed, and encouraged. *(In attachments: Provide a brief bio for all key staff).*
- II. Project title**
- III. Project objective (up to 250 words; can be bulleted)**
- IV. Focus of of project (include all that apply)**
  - Outcomes-oriented research
  - Practice and community partnerships
  - Education and training
  - Policy development and advocacy

### **Narrative (up to 4 pages)**

- V. Project description (up to 1 page)**
- VI. Impact and approach statement (up to 1 page)**

Please answer the following questions in your impact statement:

  - a. How does your project aim to address health inequities and expose systems of oppression based on race, ethnicity, gender, class or other inequities relevant to health?
  - b. How does your project serves to create or strengthen the partnership between public health and social work?
- VII. Detailed methodology (up to 1 page)**

- VIII. How will you evaluate the impact of your project? (up to half a page)**
- IX. Include a paragraph that describes how your project relates to one or more CISWH Priority Areas provided in Appendix A**
- X. CISWH seeks to bridge the divide between academia and practice. Describe how you will disseminate your findings beyond academic publication and the ways in which CISWH can assist in that process.** For example, will your findings be posted online or shared through mainstream media, in a White Paper, will you hold workshops or briefings for, or provide technical assistance to, community partners, etc.? **(up to half a page)**
- XI. Timeline of project and deliverables.** Provide a timeline of activities, all of which must be completed within one year of receipt of grant funds, although results / findings / outcomes need not be published within that timeframe. The awardee will be required to provide a 6-month progress report that describes completed and upcoming activities, and the plan to obtain external funding. The final report must be submitted within 30 days of the grant's end-date and should include a summary of project activities, data collected, dissemination and sustainability plans. **(up to half a page; can be bulleted)**
- XII. How will funding from this initiative will be leveraged in your pursuit of other funding? What specific funding sources will you pursue? Discuss your strategy to obtain follow up funding and the feasibility of obtaining additional funding (up to half a page).**

### Attachments

- XIII. Provide a detailed budget (up to one page)**
- XIV. Partners.** If you will engage with community partners, in an attachment please provide a letter of support from each partner (BU or external) which includes clarity on resource allocation and the partner's role, responsibilities, and contributions to the project
- XV. Provide a brief bio for PI and all key staff (up to 2 pages)**

## Cover Page Template

<b>Principal Investigators (and affiliation):</b>	
<b>Key staff (names and titles):</b>	
<b>Project Title:</b>	
<b>Project objective (up to 250 words):</b>	
<b>Focus of the Project (check all that apply):</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Outcomes-oriented research <input type="checkbox"/> Practice and community partnerships <input type="checkbox"/> Education and training <input type="checkbox"/> Policy development and advocacy

## Appendix A: CISWH Priority Areas

**Priority Area 1:** Transdisciplinary and cross-sector collaborations that address social determinants of health and promote health equity, racial equity, and social justice

**Priority Area 2:** Community-based research that includes meaningful engagement of community partners in all aspects of the work and utilizes existing expertise inside and outside Boston University

**Priority Area 3:** Education and training opportunities such as leadership, management, and structural racism

**Priority Area 4:** Social workers' participation in local and national policy development and advocacy regarding health care, public health and the social determinants of health

**Priority Area 5:** Integrated health care models that place social workers in leadership positions

**Priority Area 6:** Economic analyses of the role of social work in health