



PRC Seed Grants

Call 2024 - 1

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1 Introduction

The Population Research Center (PRC) at the University of Zurich is dedicated to advancing the field of population research through innovative and interdisciplinary approaches. We are excited to announce our second call for Seed Grants, designed to support promising projects and initiatives in population research. These grants serve as a catalyst for groundbreaking research and offer opportunities for population researchers to collaborate and generate new knowledge in this dynamic field. We invite all PRC members and population researchers at UZH to seize this opportunity to advance population research and to foster collaboration within our research community.

2 Purpose of the Seed Grants

The purpose of the Seed Grants is to: Foster innovative research in population studies. Provide financial support for early-stage projects and ideas. Encourage collaboration among population researchers across different institutes. Facilitate the development of research proposals for larger external funding opportunities.

3 Eligibility and Application Requirements

- Eligibility: All population researchers at the University of Zurich.
- Minimum of two researchers from different institutes/departments must collaborate on the proposed project.
- Applicants must hold an academic or research position at the University of Zurich (PhD student or higher).

4 Funding Available

- Individual grants: CHF 10'000 to 20'000.
- Funding can cover research expenses, data acquisition, pilot studies, travel, and other project-related costs.
- 2-3 projects are funded in each call.

5 Review and Selection Process

Proposals will be evaluated by an expert committee composed of PRC members. Criteria for proposal selection include innovation, relevance to population research, potential for external funding, and feasibility. Final decisions will be based on merit and alignment with the PRC's research objectives.

6 Application Components

Applicants are required to submit the following:

- **Project Description:** A clear and concise description of the research project, including objectives, methods, and expected outcomes (max. 2 pages, plus references).
- **Budget Proposal:** A detailed budget plan outlining how the grant funds will be utilized.
- **Collaboration Statement:** A document confirming collaboration between population-based researchers from a minimum of two distinct UZH institutes/departments (1-2 paragraphs).
- **CVs of all project collaborators.**
- All documents must be submitted as a single PDF file via email to the PRC Scientific Director, Seraina Rüeeggler (seraina.rueeggler@uzh.ch)

7 Timeline

- **Application Deadline: 31.7.2024**
- **Grant Recipient Announcement: 31.8.2024**

8 Reporting and Accountability

Grant recipients are expected to:

- Submit a final report detailing project outcomes.
- Acknowledge the PRC's support in any publications or presentations resulting from the project.

9 Contact Information

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