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Request for Applications
Secondary Data Analysis on Emotional Well-being and Economic Burden
(RFA-EMOT-ECON-SDA-23-001)

Who we are: The **Emotional Well-being and Economic Burden (EMOT-ECON)** Research Network is an initiative that will support **EMOT-ECON** research, i.e., research that seeks to advance the science of emotional well-being in the context of individuals facing economic burden of disease.

Economic burden of disease: There are numerous economic consequences of having a disease. These may include the money patients have to spend when getting medical care and managing their illness, and the time they may be out of work and the lost income, even if temporary. These may lead to medical financial hardship, distress, burden or toxicity.

Emotional well-being (EWB): Overall positive state of one's emotions, life satisfaction, sense of meaning and purpose, and ability to pursue self-defined goals.

EMOT-ECON is funded by the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH), the Office of Behavior and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR) and the Office of Disease Prevention (ODP) (U24AT011310). Principal Investigators are Maria Pisu, PhD, Professor, Division of Preventive Medicine, School of Medicine, University of Alabama at Birmingham and Michelle Martin, PhD, Professor, College of Medicine, University of Tennessee Health Science Center.

The **EMOT-ECON** network invites applications for **secondary data analyses (SDA)** to provide support for new or established investigators in the EMOT-ECON area of research. Applications will be accepted in the following priority areas:

- **Ontology and measurement of emotional well-being (EWB) research** to capture components of EWB in people with economic burden of disease.
- **Mechanistic research** to identify mechanisms linking economic burden of disease to EWB.
- **Prevention research** to identify intervention strategies (e.g., stress-management, mind-body interventions, education, financial navigation interventions) that help individuals effectively cope with economic burden of disease and financial hardship and maintain or improve EWB.

Applications that focus on economic burden or financial hardship broadly defined and not related to disease or focus on EWB only or economic burden of disease only, will be considered **nonresponsive** to this call.

RFA Guidelines and Terms of the Award

Funding Amount: \$20,000 per project * (Up to 2 projects will be funded)

Letter of Intent Due: July 1, 2023, by 11:59 PM (CT)

Invited Applications Due: September 1, 2023, by 11:59 PM (CT)

Announcement of Recipients: October 1, 2023

Projected Start Date (estimated): October 15, 2023

*The EMOT-ECON pilot award funding mechanism offered through NCCIH grant # U24AT011310 does not fund indirect costs. All funds must go directly towards the research project.

Eligibility: Investigators may contact the Pilot Project Core leader (mail@emot-econ.org) to determine their eligibility and appropriateness of their project (see contact information below).

- Eligible applicants must be:
 - At a U.S. institution that can receive NIH research grants;
 - Eligible to submit a grant to NIH; and,
 - A member of the EMOT-ECON network. To join at no cost, please complete a brief questionnaire at www.emot-econ.org.
- Investigators at any stage of their career may apply.

Amount and Period of Support

1. Funding is available in the amount of up to \$20,000 total. No indirect costs are allowed.
2. Funds can be used for one year.
3. Funds can be used for:
 - a. Regular faculty salaries
 - b. Salary and fringe benefits of staff members (including post-doctoral fellows, graduate students not supported by the graduate college/school)
 - c. Fees for database access
 - d. Statistical software
 - e. Publication costs
 - f. Travel to EMOT-ECON meeting ONLY
4. Funds cannot be used for:
 - a. Indirect/F&A costs
 - b. Equipment purchases
 - c. Travel
 - d. Graduate student tuition
 - e. Secretarial/administrative personnel
 - f. Honoraria and travel expenses for visiting lecturers
 - g. Medical and Non-medical services to patients (e.g., Per diem charges for hospital beds)
 - h. Construction or building maintenance
 - i. Major alterations
 - j. Office and laboratory furniture
 - k. Office equipment
 - l. Rental of office or laboratory space
 - m. Other expenses not strictly related to the research

Willful misrepresentation of the budget or misuse of funds will result in loss of current and/or future eligibility.

Data set: Applicants must already have access and/or if needed, permission to use their intended data set at the time of submission. Example datasets:

- Midlife in the United States: A National Longitudinal Study of Health & Well-being (MIDUS) (<https://midus.wisc.edu>)*
- Health and Retirement Study (HRS) (<https://hrs.isr.umich.edu>)*
- The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent to Adult Health (Add Health) (<https://addhealth.cpc.unc.edu>)

*For more information on the MIDUS and HRS study, request access to the EMOT-ECON past seminars by emailing mail@emot-econ.org.

Application Submission Process

Letter of Intent

Interested applicants must submit a letter of intent that includes the following information:

1. 1-page with title and description of the project (250 words), relevance to EMOT-ECON research, and names of investigators. LOIs should be single-spaced, with at least 0.5-inch margins, and should use 11- or 12-point Arial or Times fonts.

2. Please submit LOI by July 1, 2023 11:59 PM (CT) via email to mail@emot-econ.org. Subject line should read: "RFA-EMOT-ECON-SDA LOI – [PI Last Name]"
3. Approval of LOIs is based on relevance to EMOT-ECON research and is required to submit the main application. Applicants will be notified of approval or contacted for clarifications and possible revisions.

Invited main application

Invited applicants should submit the documents below in a single PDF file. Applications should be single-spaced, with at least 0.5-inch margins, and should use 11- or 12-point Arial or Times fonts.

1. PHS 398 Face Page (Does not need to be officially signed by applicant organization)
2. Secondary Data Analysis Grant (2 pages only - please include: Background/rationale: The problem to be addressed and its scientific relevance, Objectives and aims, Innovation, Research question and hypotheses, Data (describe the data set, the variables that will be used, sample inclusions/exclusions), Statistical analysis plan and methods, including power calculations if necessary)
3. References (no page limit)
4. Resources/ Environment (1 page)
5. Future Plans (one paragraph). Description of how findings from this proposal will support broader research efforts of the investigators and potential submissions to NIH extramural funding (include the specific NIH funding announcement, agency and expected submission due date if known).
6. Budget and budget justification (no page limit) on [PHS 398 form \(pages 4 & 5\)](#). Include description of expertise of investigators/mentors and research staff.
7. NIH biographical sketch for PI and investigators (5-page limit each)
8. Other Support (key personnel only)

Main SDA applications must be submitted by September 1, 2023 11:59 PM (CT) via email to mail@emot-econ.org. Subject line should read: "RFA-EMOT-ECON-SDA-23-001 Submission – [PI Last Name]"

Application Evaluation Process

1. Each application will be assessed by a panel of cross-institutional peer reviewers.
2. Evaluation Process:
 - a. Applications that meet eligibility requirements will be reviewed using the following criteria: (1) relevance to EMOT-ECON research and (2) standard NIH review criteria (Overall Impact, Significance, Investigators, Innovation, Approach (e.g., study design and procedures, data management, and statistical analysis) and Environment.
 - b. Funding decisions will be made by EMOT-ECON PIs in collaboration with NIH staff.
 - c. Evaluation is expected to be completed within two months of the application submission deadline.

Expectations of EMOT-ECON Pilot Recipients during the funding period

1. A one-page progress report on the status of the EMOT-ECON funding to the EMOT-ECON Pilot Project Core Leader at 6 months past the funding date.
2. PI agrees to prepare at least one manuscript ready for submission by Month 12 (final report).
3. A final progress report which includes the manuscript and budget reconciliation (up to one page), must be submitted to the EMOT-ECON Pilot Project Core Leader at 12 months past the funding date.
4. The PI agrees to meet at month 3 past the funding date with EMOT-ECON PIs to review progress.
5. PI or other team member agrees to present findings at EMOT-ECON meeting
6. PI agrees to acknowledgement of support by EMOT-ECON in scientific publications and conference presentations if the data is based on the EMOT-ECON supported grant.

For questions, please email the Pilot Project Core Leader at mail@emot-econ.org.

Submissions: Submit the 2-page application (plus references and budget, as described above) to mail@emot-econ.org no later than **September 1, 2023 at 11:59 p.m.**