

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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### OAIC Biostatistics Core Development Project Due Date: June 15, 2011

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The Biostatistics Core of the National Institute on Aging-supported Older Americans Independence Center (OAIC) of the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions is soliciting proposals from faculty members who seek support for conducting research in statistical and epidemiological methods that would propel the mission of identifying causes and developing treatments for the syndrome of frailty in older adults. The OAIC was established to bring together interdisciplinary working groups from across the institution in order to achieve this mission. Resources available are particularly targeted to support studies initiated by investigators who are junior or seek to establish a new focus in research on frailty and aging. Support requested may range up to \$30,000 for a one-year period, starting on August 1, 2011.

Proposals may address any challenge related to frailty and aging. However, particularly sought is research directed toward explicating the influence of multisystem dysregulation on frailty and aging outcomes so as to prioritize targets for intervention.

Proposals for support by this Center should include specific aims, rationale, preliminary studies and methods for the proposed study, a statement of its *relevance to the OAIC mission*, requested resources, and timeline. Quarterly benchmarks must be stated; continuation of funding will be contingent upon meeting these benchmarks and reporting them in a timely fashion. Proposals should be **no longer than five pages** and are **due by June 15, 2011**. Please refer to the Submission Guidelines document for further detail. Those deemed meritorious will be followed up by subsequent interviews. Final selection and notification of funding is targeted for **July 15, 2011**. Funding would begin approximately **August 1, 2011**. Proposals should be submitted via e-mail to the OAIC Administrator, Brian Buta, [bbuta@jhmi.edu](mailto:bbuta@jhmi.edu).

We welcome the opportunity to discuss the appropriateness of proposed scientific goals. Please direct any questions about scientific/research issues to Karen Bandeen-Roche, Ph.D., Core Leader, OAIC Biostatistics Core, at [kbandeen@jhsph.edu](mailto:kbandeen@jhsph.edu).

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**SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

1. Title page (Title of project; PI; department and/or school; address; phone number; email address, list of collaborating investigators; budget; starting and ending date for project).
2. Abstract
3. Budget and justification
4. Investigators (PI and collaborating investigators, affiliation, role in project, amount of time to be devoted to this project)
5. Biographical sketch of investigators (NIH format)
6. Other support (For PI only)-list all projects providing support with name of PI.
7. Research Plan (not to exceed page 5 pages for sections a-d)
  - a. Hypotheses and specific aims
  - b. Background and significance of the research
  - c. Preliminary information if applicable (should demonstrate ability to perform the research)
  - d. Research design and methods (describe subject selection, data collection, research procedures/measures, analysis plan, timetable for completion)
  - e. Literature citations (limit 20)
  - f. Human Studies (describe plans for obtaining informed consent and procedures for informing and protecting subjects to be enrolled in the study if applicable)

If you have any questions, a contact person is listed within each RFP.

**Please submit applications via e-mail attachment (WORD Format) to [bbuta@jhmi.edu](mailto:bbuta@jhmi.edu).**

**APPLICATIONS DUE BY 5pm, on designated date within each RFP.**