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**RIDGE Center Webinar for
Applicants**

Thursday, February 2, 2017

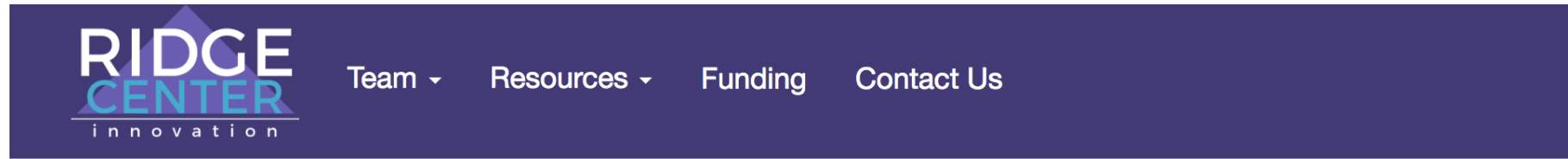
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Agenda

- Content (30 min)
 - Background
 - RFP
 - FluidReview
 - Tips and Advice
- Q&A (30 min)



Background: Website (<http://ridge.nutrition.tufts.edu/>)



Tufts/UConn RIDGE Center

Tufts University/University of Connecticut Research Innovation and Development Grants in Economics (RIDGE) Center

To address national objectives for improved food security and dietary quality, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) supports useful extramural research in economics aimed at understanding and enhancing the nation's nutrition assistance programs. Bringing together the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy and the Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity, two institutions with a long record of research leadership in this area, the Tufts/UConn RIDGE Center will:



Background: Nutrition Assistance Programs

Program areas:

- SNAP
- WIC
- Child Nutrition Programs



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Priority topics:

- I. Food Choices: Economic Determinants and Consequences
- II. Economic Incentives in Nutrition Assistance Programs
- III. Food Assistance as an Economic Safety Net



Background: USDA's Research Portfolio

- Intramural economic research at USDA/ERS
- Large-scale extramural research by ERS and FNS
- Other USDA-supported research centers with small grant support:
 - Duke-UNC USDA Center for Behavioral Economics and Healthy Food Choice Research (BECR)
 - Cornell Center for Behavioral Economics in Child Nutrition Programs (BEN)
 - Center for Poverty Research, University of Kentucky



Background: USDA's Research Portfolio

- Research Innovation and Development Grants in Economics (RIDGE)
 - Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP), University of Wisconsin
 - Center for Regional Development, Purdue University
 - Southern Rural Development Center, Mississippi State University
 - Tufts / University of Connecticut RIDGE Center



Background: RIDGE Center 2017 Cycle

What is the same (standing on the shoulders):

- Small grant proposals
- 18-month project period
- Interim meeting and mentorship/collaboration opportunity
- Final RIDGE workshop in DC in October 2018
- Research publication and policy usefulness

New features:

- Concept paper
- Online submission (FluidReview)
- Webinar or multi-site option for Interim Meeting
- Short online video accompanying final manuscript



Background: Important Dates

Request for proposals release:	January 23, 2017
Informational webinar for applicants:	February 2, 2017
Concept paper due:	March 13, 2017
Full proposal (by invitation) due:	May 15, 2017
Funding period (up to 18 months):	July 11, 2017 – January 10, 2019



RFP 2017: Types of Awards

- **Standard** research awards
 - Research support for principal investigators with a faculty (or research) appointment
 - Total budget up to **\$50,000**, including indirect costs
- **Post-doctoral** awards
 - Research support for post-doctoral researchers or fellows
 - Total budget up to **\$30,000**, including indirect costs
- **Dissertation** awards
 - Research support for pre-doctoral students (doctoral candidates)
 - Total budget up to **\$15,000**, including indirect costs



RFP 2017: Eligibility

- **All applications**

- Accredited public or private higher education institutions
- US-based organizations only
- Investigators with appropriate education

- **Post-doctoral and dissertation awards**

- Post-doctoral awards: hold PhD (JD, MD) at the time of the application (by May 2017)
- Dissertation awards: doctoral candidate at the time of the application
- Must have a mentor, research or dissertation advisor and demonstrate commitment to the project



RFP 2017: Diversity and Inclusion

- The Tufts/UConn RIDGE Center is committed to promoting diversity and inclusion in food assistance research
- It reflects a key RIDGE Center priority to build a network of researchers whose work benefits all participants in the USDA programs
- We encourage applications from investigators of every race/ethnicity, socio-economic status, gender, age, and disability status
- The center highly values diversity in perspectives, region of the country, life experiences, and backgrounds that can help expand our understanding of challenges faced by program participants and innovative solutions to address them



FluidReview

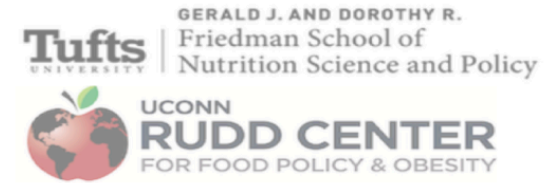
- FluidReview is the online grant proposal submission site for RIDGE Center
 - <https://tufts.fluidreview.com/>
- To submit concept paper
 - Create login and password
 - Fill out form and templates
 - Save progress
 - Submit application by 5PM EST on 03/13/17



FluidReview

Application Stage

TASK	DEADLINE	STATUS	ACTIONS
Concept Paper: Application Form	03/13/2017 09:00:00 PM EST	INCOMPLETE	▶ Start
Concept Paper Upload	03/13/2017 09:00:00 PM EST	INCOMPLETE	▶ Start
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Submit your application	03/13/2017 09:00:00 PM EST	PREREQUISITES NOT MET	



2017 Concept Paper Template

Please use the template below to prepare your concept paper. Please delete this instruction page and all instructions in blue before submitting your concept paper.

- Please use the section headings and subheadings below to organize your concept paper.
- You must respond to all of the section headings/subheadings in your proposal, indicating “Not applicable” when it doesn’t apply to your application (e.g., human subjects).
- Complete the identifying information below this instruction list, including the proposal ID, which can be found in the left corner of your online application.
- Use 12-point font and black type throughout the document. Do not adjust the margins or font style/size of this template.
- The maximum page limit of the concept paper cannot exceed **3 pages with 1.0 line spacing and one-inch margins** on the page top, bottom, and sides.
- References are not required, but, if provided, don’t count toward the 3 page limit.
- No hardcopy materials will be accepted as part of your online submission.
- Save your final document in Word or PDF format and upload the file to the Concept Paper section of the online system.



Tips & Advice

Identifying the most notable contribution:

- Research question (neglected topics)
- Data sources (new information)
- Research design (strong inference)



Q&A



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