The Cornell Population Center (CPC) invites applications from CPC faculty affiliates by October 7, 2013 for seed grant awards in population-related research. The objectives are:

- to promote collaborative, multidisciplinary research on population-related topics, especially those dealing with health and health behaviors, families and children, poverty and inequality; and immigration and race;
- to facilitate population-related policy or translational research;
- to enhance the likelihood of investigators' achievement of external funding; and
- to support young investigators by helping them develop grant preparation skills.

Funds of up to $10,000 are available for pilot/feasibility studies that could lead to a larger project that is developed for external funding. Faculty with an existing research proposal that has already been, or is about to be, submitted to an external funding agency are also eligible to apply for this funding.

GUIDELINES
Funds up to $10,000 will be given to support preliminary work that could render a larger proposal more competitive or as a means of beginning a proposed research program currently being evaluated by a government agency, such as NIH or NSF, or private foundation. Applications may be submitted by full-time university faculty and research associates across the university engaged in social science research (visiting scholars excluded). Typical uses of the funds include, but are not limited to: payment for research assistants, survey costs, data coding and entry, project-related travel, telephone, copying, and supplies. Funds cannot be used for salary support of full-time employees. An ad hoc interdisciplinary Technical Review Panel (typically of three individuals) will be formed to evaluate the proposals and make funding recommendations.

SPECIFIC CRITERIA
Review and selection of submitted innovative grant proposals will be based on the following criteria:

1. Funding will be based on the scientific merits of the proposed project, including innovation, significance, potential impact, research design, and investigator qualifications.
2. The topic of the proposed research must be suitable for an NIH, NSF, or other grant application.
3. Priority will be given to
   a) multi-disciplinary teams that involve CPC faculty from two or more academic units
   b) junior CPC faculty
   c) projects that have a high potential for success in acquiring external funding
   d) projects that develop innovative uses of Cornell’s Restricted Access Data Center (in CISER)
   e) research that has significant implications for public policy.

SUBMISSION
The deadline for submission is October 7, 2013. The narrative proposal must be no more than 7 pages, double-spaced, and should include the following:

- one-paragraph abstract of the project
- comprehensive description of proposed activities, and their significance, including a description of the research design
- plans for future research
- plans for pursuing additional funding, if any
In addition to the 7-page narrative proposal, please submit:

- a budget and detailed budget justification, including the total requested. A detailed budget justification gives the review committee a clear idea of what you specifically plan on using the funds for and what sources for your cost estimates (e.g., What software would you purchase and how much does it currently cost from a particular vendor? How many hours at what rate per hour do you plan to hire a research assistant, based on what precedent?).
- a 3-page curriculum vita for each principal investigator that lists his/her education; major appointments; and most significant publications, presentations, grants, and honors
- Human Subjects approval, where necessary (For details, see FAQ.)

Submit an electronic copy of the proposal by 11:59 pm on October 7, 2013 to Erin Oates, CPC Program Administrator (eo73@cornell.edu). Please submit proposals as MSWord or pdf attachments. We prefer proposals in pdf format with all the parts of the application compiled into one document, or as few documents as possible. For further information, contact: Dan Lichter, CPC Director, 254-8781, dtl28@cornell.edu.