

CORNELL POPULATION CENTER

Working Group Application Form

Purpose

The Cornell Population Center (CPC) supports faculty affiliates with modest funding to develop collaborative research "working groups" (WGs). Among other things, these WGs may provide a basis for developing multi-disciplinary research projects (e.g. R01s or program projects at NIH), population- or family-related conferences, reading or discussion groups on special topics, or edited books involving CPC faculty. To support these and other activities, WG leaders (self-nominated) can request modest funding of up to \$3,000 per year for two years, with the possibility of a one-year extension. These monies may be used to support monthly luncheon meetings, to provide travel monies to funding agencies or foundations, to seed new collaborations with researchers at other universities, to leverage additional monies for collaborative pilot projects; or to fund external speakers or consultants.

Application Process

WG leaders should submit their proposals to [Kelly Musick](#), CPC Director. Proposals will be considered on an on-going basis. Proposals should be no longer than three pages (excluding title page), and include some discussion of: (1) WG goals or objectives; (2) relevance to CPC's core interests or activities; (3) key faculty participants or other potential collaborators; and (4) how the monies will be spent. The goal is to seed collaborative research projects, but perhaps a more important or broader goal is to help create an intellectual or research community of scholars in CPC and allied units at Cornell. The template for the title page is attached.

Some examples of potential WGs include: (1) study groups focused on "childhood disabilities and families" or "marriage promotion policy" or "neighborhood or school effects on child development" (and many other topics); (2) researchers who are developing a NIH program project using new data; or (3) reading groups concerned about new statistical or econometric methods (e.g. hierarchical modeling or matching propensity scores) or alternative methodological approaches to population, family, or life course problems (e.g. developing ethnographic or qualitative approaches).

WGs may spend their allocated monies immediately, spend it over the year, or roll it over for a larger use at the end of the two-year funding period. If a WG has funds left at the time they expire, these monies revert to CPC's core budget. A short one-page interim report of WG activities is required after the first year, along with a final report within two months of the termination date.

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WG Leader(s) _____
Printed name and department

Key WG Members _____
Printed name and department

Printed name and department

Printed name and department

Working group title _____

Amount of funding requested \$ _____

Brief abstract and anticipated outcomes _____

Principal Investigator Signature

Signature

Date Submitted

CPC Director Decision

Signature

Date

Approved for \$ _____

Denied