



## Zhu Family Center Cancer Prevention Research Award (CAPRA)

The purpose of the Zhu Family Center Cancer Prevention Research Award (CAPRA) is to provide funding to support trainee research projects in the field of global cancer prevention and early detection.

### Eligibility:

1. PhD candidates enrolled in a Harvard graduate program, or
2. Clinical residents or fellows in a Harvard-affiliated residency or fellowship program, or
3. Post doctoral fellows in a Harvard-affiliated program.

These individuals must be either funded through an affiliated T32 program (TOPS, Cancer Epidemiology, Cancer Prevention) or are the primary mentee of a Zhu Senior Scholar.

**Amount and Duration of Award:** Up to \$5000 direct costs (no indirect costs allowed, funds are restricted to research costs). Funds must be spent within two years of award, prior to dissertation defense, or completion of training program, whichever comes first.

**Applications open April 4, 2024 and are due by May 17, 2024**

### Application Requirements:

1. Application form
2. Research statement (2-page maximum)
3. CV
4. Letter of recommendation from mentor/advisor
  - a. 2-page maximum, must be sent separately and directly from mentor/advisor. This letter must confirm that the trainee is in good standing in their program, and confirm the mentor will oversee the use of funds to achieve the trainee's research goals.
5. Detailed budget and budget justification

### Application Submission:

Dossier (with the exception of letter of recommendation) must be submitted by email to [lbconley@hsph.harvard.edu](mailto:lbconley@hsph.harvard.edu) (**as one single PDF document; individual documents will not be accepted**).

**Selection of Awardee(s)/Evaluation Criteria:** Selection will be based on quality of the research and relevance to the mission of the Zhu Center. For more information about the Center, please see: <https://sites.sph.harvard.edu/cancer-prevention/>. Evaluation criteria will include the importance of the research question, the strength of the research design, feasibility of the proposed work, importance to public health, and relevance for cancer prevention and early detection. Zhu Center priorities include (but are not limited to) the following topics:

- **Innovate novel strategies and tools:** The Zhu Center is focused on supporting the future of novel technologies and methods for cancer prevention and early detection. Our interests are

focused on screening and early detection, biomarkers and technologies, risk stratification, and interventional approaches for translation from discovery to population impact.

- ***Support usability and access for all:*** The Zhu Center acknowledges the gap in cancer care caused by socio-economic inequities. The Center works to support equitable implementation and access of cancer prevention and early detection strategies to achieve health equity for all, including those strategies that can impact on the cancer burden in low resource settings.

**Reporting Requirements:** Grantees are required to submit a brief interim (less than 2 pages) progress report and a Works in Progress presentation mid-way through the grant period as well as a final closeout report. Guidelines for each report will be distributed after award is granted.

**Zhu Family Center for Global Cancer Prevention  
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Application Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility category:

PhD Candidate

Clinical Resident or Fellow

Postdoctoral Fellow

Program Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
(e.g., T32, Degree, Residency, Fellowship)

Date of Program Entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Date of Program Completion: \_\_\_\_\_

For doctoral candidates:

When was your dissertation proposal approved by your committee? \_\_\_\_\_ (MM/DD/YY)

Anticipated dissertation defense date: \_\_\_\_\_

*My signature on this form indicates that I meet all eligibility requirements for this award*

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Research Statement:** Must include a brief summary of the research as relevant to the Center, including project background and rationale, explanation of research design (methods, procedure, analysis plan, etc.), and other important aspects of the project. If you are requesting funds to support data collection, you must include information about your methodological plan (e.g. measures, sampling strategies, etc). *Two-page maximum.*

**CV in Harvard format** (For more information about format: <https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/faculty-affairs/forms/>)

**Letter of recommendation from mentor/advisor:** Your professor should email this letter separate from the application and include "letter recommendation for [student's name]" as a title to lbconley@hsph.harvard.edu. *Two-page maximum. This must be submitted separately and directly from your mentor/advisor. It should NOT be included as part of your application.*

**Budget and Budget Justification:** The award must be used to support expenses that are directly related to the dissertation research (the funds cannot be used for living expenses) and **should not exceed \$5,000.** Budget items may include costs for research reagents or materials, salary support, analytical assistance and other costs directly related to the research project. Travel costs are not

allowed. All expenses must be detailed and a rationale for each expense should be provided. *Two-page maximum.*

Please contact [lbconley@hsph.harvard.edu](mailto:lbconley@hsph.harvard.edu) with questions