

YALE PEPPER CENTER INSTRUCTIONS FOR LETTER OF INTENT 2009/2010

- **Pilot/Exploratory Studies:** Funding may be used for any type of pilot project that will support subsequent grant applications, with the goal of advancing our understanding of the etiology, diagnosis, treatment or prevention of common geriatric health conditions, or for projects that are focused on relevant Biostatistical, Field and Data Management and Informatics related issues. See Pepper Theme below *.
- **Career Development Awards.** Funding provides salary and/or research support for junior faculty in the first five years of their faculty appointment whose research focuses on the Yale Pepper Center theme.*

1. Complete the cover page
2. Letter of intent (2 Pages):
 - Specific aims and hypotheses
 - Significance of proposed research
 - Research methods
 - One paragraph on how proposed project ties into the Yale Pepper Center Theme *
 - Plans for subsequent funding
 - Timeline
 - NOTE: Career Development Award candidates must also include a two page description of their career goals and career development plans and provide the name and qualifications of the proposed mentor(s).
3. Budget and Justification page (not included in 2 page limit):
 - **Pilot/Exploratory Studies:** Funding one year with a maximum of \$50,000 (direct costs).
 - **Career Development Awards.** Funding for up to two years with a maximum of \$50,000 (direct costs) per year.
4. Biosketch: Provide a new format NIH Biographical Sketch with publication list and other support (four page limit) for applicant and senior faculty mentor (for research career development applicants).
5. Send via electronic mail to: denise.acampora@yale.edu by 5 P.M., Friday, October 16th, Phone: (203) 688-3344

* **Yale Pepper Center theme:** The broad unifying theme of the Yale Pepper Center remains the investigation of multi-factorial geriatric health conditions. This theme encompasses both single health conditions with multiple contributing factors or with multiple relevant outcome domains and multiple conditions occurring simultaneously. A defining criterion for Yale Pepper Center support is that, regardless of the condition or type of research, the work acknowledges, and accounts for, the multiple factors determining health in older adults. The conceptual underpinning of this theme is that both single conditions and multiple coexisting conditions are determined by the co-occurrence of multiple predisposing and precipitating factors; these conditions and factors, in turn, affect the individual in a range of health domains. The predisposing factors may be at the genetic, molecular, physiologic (impairment), disease, or socio-demographic levels, while the precipitating factors may include behavioral, environmental, social, medical, psychological, and/or other triggers. Studying these geriatric health conditions requires methods that address the interconnectedness among these factors and the multiple domains of health affected and that acknowledge the tradeoffs inherent in managing potentially competing risk factors or conditions. The scope of work to be supported by the Yale Pepper Center encompasses basic, translational, epidemiological, clinical trial, bioinformatics and health services research.