The SPH Catalyst Awards are intended to promote progress on clearly articulated, early-phase research agendas by providing opportunities for pilot testing, preliminary data collection, feasibility or needs assessments or similar activities. Public health-relevant proposals on any research topic of interest to SPH faculty are appropriate, including educational research.

Proposals from any eligible applicant are welcomed and encouraged. Special consideration will be given to the following:

- Research focused on the OHSU-PSU SPH foundational themes -- health equity, social justice, social determinants of health, and health disparities.
- Applicants who meet definitions of New Investigator or Early-Stage Investigator, as defined by the NIH, or
- Mid- or later career applicants developing a new research direction or area of expertise.

Activities acceptable under this award include (but are not limited to) pilot study planning and implementation, instrument/survey development, data collection, data analysis or expert consultation.

**Funds may be spent on faculty salary (including summer support).** Other allowable expenses include: personnel or consultant costs, study supplies, other study implementation costs (e.g. participant incentives), and/or services provided by university-affiliated fee-for-service research units or cores.

**Eligibility:**

i. PSU faculty with primary appointment in OHSU-PSU SPH
ii. OHSU faculty with primary appointment in OHSU-PSU SPH

**Budget:** $5000 - $25,000 may be requested.

**Submission Deadline:** May 31, 2021

**Funding Start/End Dates:** Award notifications will be made in early June 2021. *Funds must be spent by June 30, 2022.*

**Application should include the following:**

a) Project title

b) Principal Investigator(s) information and NIH biosketch(es)

c) Research Plan (2 pages):

i. **Specific Aims**

ii. Short description of **study activities** that will be undertaken as part of this award.

iii. **Plans for continuing research:** Describe how the requested funding will help launch subsequent research project(s) on the chosen topic, as well as facilitate long-term research goals. Identify possible extramural funding opportunities that will be pursued after completion of Catalyst Award, along with anticipated submission dates.

i. **Timeline** for completion of study activities (short paragraph or simple diagram).

ii. **Budget:** Itemized description of how funds will be spent (see template). Please provide a quote from university-affiliated research service unit(s) or other consultant/fee-for-service collaborator, if applicable.
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Review Process: Applications will be reviewed by 3-4 members of the SPH Research Committee. Committee may seek external reviewer input if specialized expertise is needed. The Committee’s recommendation will be forwarded to SPH Dean’s Office for final approval.

Investigator responsibilities and reporting: Successful applicants will be asked to provide twice-yearly updates on study progress, which will be submitted via the CAP Portal. SPH Research Committee and/or Dean’s office will review progress reports.