



CACHE

Center for Aging,
Health & Environment

FAQs - 2026 Call for Seed Grant Proposals

Project/Award Timing

Q: When would funding begin if awarded?

The project start date is January 1st, 2027. This is for a 1-year project period.

Q: When will we learn about funding decisions?

Decisions will be made by the end of November.

Eligibility and Applicant Status

Q: Are international applicants eligible?

These funds are restricted to U.S. based researchers.

Q: Is a postdoctoral fellow eligible?

Yes, if you are eligible to accept grant funding at your institution and meet the qualifications to serve as a Principal Investigator for externally funded awards. See [NIH's website](#) for more information.

Q: Are multiple Principal Investigators (PIs) allowed?

Yes. Multiple PIs may apply on a single proposal, as long as the total project remains within the budget. Please note that subcontracts are not allowed.

Data and Code Sharing

Q: Is code and data sharing a requirement of this seed grant?

Yes. Sharing code and data is a core requirement of CACHE seed grant funding. However, the form and timing of sharing depends on the type of data used in the project (see below FAQs for details).

Q: What if my proposed project uses restricted data or will be conducted in a restricted environment?

If working with restricted data access, please explain your timeline in terms of accessing the data in your proposal. In addition, please explain the process through which others might gain access to the data,

including the time or cost required. If you are working in a restricted environment, explain the process for exporting approved scripts or other materials so you can share resources as the project progresses.

Q: What kinds of data resources do I need to share?

Please plan to share any novel data you create within the scope of the funded seed project. If you collect or generate protected or restricted data within the scope of the project, please plan to share as permissible by your institutional restrictions on the data and provide details on if/how others might access the data. If you are using seed funding for secondary analysis of restricted data (eg: HRS, Medicare Claims), please plan to share any derived data as permissible by the data owners. Please plan to share what can be shared and explain your ability to share data in your proposal. Not all projects generate sharable data resources.

Q: What kind of code resources do I need to share?

Please plan to share any scripting that you author and use throughout the project. These can include scripts for data access, data cleaning and management, integration of health and aging and environmental datasets, data analysis, and data visualization. CACHE is especially interested in code that addresses a technical hurdle in the field, such as integrating environmental and health data, or cleaning complicated environmental data, or producing data visualizations. See examples of code and data resources [here](#).

Q: What is the process for code and data sharing?

- CACHE will provide a template or coversheet to be used when you are ready to post code scripts or datasets to the CACHE website. This coversheet prompts you to describe the code or data resource and provide a link to its permanent location.
- You can archive your code and data for others to access as you see fit. Using the code/data coversheet, you can direct users where to access the resource. Unrestricted data and code may be archived through platforms like GitHub, [NACDA](#), or your personal website.
- CACHE can store an archived version of code scripts for website users to access if the code is not archived elsewhere online.
- CACHE cannot host or archive datasets. Any data you wish to share as a resource must be hosted and archived externally through your institution or other web service.

Q: Do I have to share code and data if my project is not yet published?

- In most cases, the funded project is still unpublished within the 1-year performance period. Still, some code and/or data resource from your seed funded project must be shared within the 1-year performance period.
- Please plan to share individual components of the project as standalone resources sometime within the funding year. These can include scripts for data integration of multiple datasets, data processing of novel datasets, data visualization examples, etc.

Q: Do I have to share code and data once the project is complete?

- Please plan to share a version of the script that showcases the entire project or dataset once the project is complete and/or published. This will help CACHE facilitate a growing research infrastructure.
- The sharing of code that executes analysis and results, or the sharing of novel data, is not expected until the researcher is able to publish or otherwise benefit from the work. But, awardees are expected to share helpful aspects of their project (described above) as CACHE resources during the funding phase.

Q: What programming language do I need to use?

There are no restrictions on coding languages. R, Python, Stata, and other languages are represented in CACHE's code resources.

Topical Areas

Q: My topic considers only two of the three pillars (environment, aging, health). Would I be competitive?

- No. This seed program is for research at the intersection of health, aging, and the environment.

Reach out to cache@colorado.edu for any additional questions