



**The Nancy E. Adler Seed Grants Program:
Funding to support research on social determinants of health**

To strengthen research spanning medicine, public health, and the social sciences at UCSF, the Nancy Adler Seed Grants Program (ASG) will support projects focused on social and behavioral determinants of health. Annual budgets should not exceed \$25,000, and total budgets should not exceed \$35,000. Proposals will be considered on a competitive basis through September 16, 2024. This opportunity is restricted to UCSF postdocs and junior faculty.

[Dr. Adler](#) was a champion for the social sciences over her 45-year career at UCSF, 1977-2023. During Dr. Adler's career at UCSF, she served as the Lisa and John Pritzker Professor and vice chair of Psychology in the Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences and Pediatrics, and Director of the Center for Health and Community. Much of her research explored how social and behavioral

determinants “get under the skin” to shape health and health equity. She believed strongly in the importance of transdisciplinary collaboration for scientific advancement and frequently assembled scholars from different disciplines to ponder complex problems.

In honor of Dr. Adler’s legacy, the ASG program will support research exploring relationships between social and behavioral drivers and health outcomes and/or interventions anticipated to influence those relationships. These funds will help early career scientists from across UCSF to garner extramural funding (e.g., from NIH and other sources) for future research on social and behavioral drivers of health. To that end, applicants should clearly describe why the project is needed to inform the development of future projects.

PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO PROJECTS THAT:

- Involve collaborations across departments and/or disciplines;
- Focus on understanding how social determinants shape health equity and can be part of interventions to improve health equity;
- Are anticipated to lead to extramural funding.

ASG Program Application and Administration

ELIGIBILITY: UCSF-appointed assistant professors and postdoctoral fellows from any academic series are eligible to apply for internal funding.

APPLICATION: Proposals must be submitted via email to Dina Freij (dina.freij@ucsf.edu) by 5 pm on September 16, 2024 for consideration.

BUDGETS & APPROVALS:

- All research activities should be completed between November, 2024-October, 2026. Annual budgets should not exceed \$25,000, and total budgets should not exceed \$35,000. Applicants should note that shorter projects / smaller budgets are more likely to be supported due to limited funding.
- Budgets can include personnel costs for investigators and research staff and/or other research costs.
- In accordance with UCSF policy, all proposals involving human subjects research must undergo IRB review. Proposals that have not undergone such review may be reviewed and support may be awarded, but no funds will be released for empirical research until the proposal receives IRB approval. Please forward all necessary approvals and exemptions from IRB to Jennifer Taggart (Jennifer.Taggart@ucsf.edu). Jennifer will provide you with a quarterly budget report and will be available to answer questions regarding allowable expenses.

AWARDS: Grants will be reviewed by the ASG Program Committee and prioritized based on the above criteria and funding availability. We anticipate awarding two proposals in 2024. Award announcements will be made at the Nancy Adler Lectureship in the Fall of 2024.

GRANTEE EXPECTATIONS AND REPORTING:

Awardees are expected to:

- Attend the annual Nancy Adler Lectureship in Oct 2024 and Oct 2025.
- Present to the Center for Health and Community at a virtual meeting in June 2025.
- Submit a brief report summarizing project results by November 1, 2025.
- Submit a second report summarizing project results at the end of the grant period for projects extending past 12 months.

For two years following the conclusion of the grant period, grantees should notify CHC staff Dina Freij (dina.freij@ucsf.edu) when study papers are published, results are presented at conferences, or when additional funding is obtained. Grantees should also formally acknowledge this funding (i.e., Nancy E. Adler Seed Grant) as part of publications, conference presentations, and other relevant dissemination efforts.

ADLER SEED GRANT PROPOSAL FORMAT

COVER PAGE

Include the project title and the name, title, department, and email address for each investigator.

ABSTRACT

Include a brief one-paragraph abstract suitable for use in public reports.

NARRATIVE

The narrative should describe the plan of work, participants, and relevance to population health research. Research project proposals should summarize the research question, existing literature, plan for empirical research, and significance of the project that the seed grant will help you develop.

LENGTH

1-3 pages (excluding references).

If the seed grant proposal is related to currently funded or pending projects - including projects supported by internal or external funding sources- please briefly describe those other projects and describe how the seed grant project is distinct from and may help leverage these other projects.

BUDGET AND BUDGET JUSTIFICATION

The budget should itemize all expenses, indicating, where applicable, the time commitment of faculty or student research assistants. We recommend budgets include minimal to no faculty effort.

Requests for data or computer hardware or software indicate specifically what the request is for (rather than simply "Software" or "Data") and the justification should briefly describe the need