



HCAP Network

Harmonized Cognitive Assessment Protocol

HCAP International Network Annual Pilot Competition

Call for Pre-Applications

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Pre-Application Due Date: January 17th, 2025

Pilot grants to study key issues relevant to the administration, interpretation, and harmonization of the HCAP protocol across the HCAP international network are available. Pilot grants are typically for a 1-year budget period and can include up to \$40,000 in direct costs. Investigators at all career stages are eligible. The primary intention of pilot projects in the HCAP network is to conduct statistical or other methodological analysis of existing data to improve the harmonization of study designs, data, and research uses. Other potential activities will be considered for funding, including the pilot testing of new questions and/or fieldwork methods. If you have ideas about a larger-scale pilot study that might require additional funding beyond the \$40,000 limit, please email us and we can explore whether additional funding might be possible. Longer proposals will be invited for submission following this pre-application review.

For submission, please complete this form and include:

- 1) Specific Aims (1 page)
- 2) Statement as to how the project will advance harmonization or otherwise improve HCAP as a tool for international comparison, as well as how it is an advance on what has already been done (1 paragraph)
- 3) [NIH biosketches](#) (non-fellowship) for key personnel
- 4) Indicate whether there is a foreign component to the pilot project. If yes, provide details on the foreign site/institution, the foreign collaborator, the budget for the foreign site, and the research objectives at the foreign site.
- 5) Total direct cost budget. Budget line-item details are not necessary for pre-applications, but will be requested if a full application is requested.

Submission Details:

Budget: Applicants may request up to \$40,000 in direct costs. Expenses can include salary and associated fringe costs, research staff (data analyst, research assistant), data collection costs, travel costs, and materials and supplies necessary for the proposed research. Researchers external to the University of Michigan may include indirect costs at your institution's current negotiated F&A rate and direct costs in their budget. Foreign institutions must use an 8% indirect cost rate.

Review Criteria/Priorities:

- 1) Review will focus on significance, methodological rigor, and feasibility of approach.
- 2) Priority will be given to projects that are likely to advance harmonization or otherwise improve the HCAP as a tool for international comparisons.
- 3) Priority will also be given to projects that seed innovative research, have the potential to produce publications that advance the mission of the HCAP network, are likely to serve as a foundation for external funding, and can be completed over a 12-month period.

Please note that pilot funding is contingent upon available funding, NIA approval, IRB approval and, for projects with a foreign component, foreign clearance by the US State Department.

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