

**YALE PEPPER CENTER
TRANSLATIONAL GEROSCIENCE PILOT PROGRAM**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR 2026 LETTER OF INTENT

1. Complete the cover page
2. Letter of intent (2 pages, not including references):
 - Specific aims and hypotheses
 - Research strategy:
 - Significance of proposed research
 - Innovation
 - Approach
 - One paragraph on how the proposed research addresses a critical issue in translational geroscience
 - Plans for subsequent funding
 - Timeline
3. Budget and justification page (not included in 2-page limit):
 - Funding for one year with a maximum of \$75,000 (direct costs)
 - The award cannot cover publication costs
4. Biosketches: Provide an NIH Biographical Sketch (5-page limit) for the Principal Investigator(s), one of which must have a faculty appointment in the School of Medicine, and Co-investigator(s).
5. Send via email to: poa@yale.edu by 5 P.M., Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Criteria for Review: In addition to standard criteria, including the significance of the research, innovation, and scientific rigor of the approach, major consideration will be given to the likelihood that the project will lead to independent funding. This assessment will be based both on the project and the qualifications of the investigators. Early-stage investigators are encouraged to apply. Prior recipients of the award will not be prioritized.

Applicants with LOIs that are selected to move forward will receive instructions for full proposals. Full proposals will receive external review, and projects selected for funding will begin July 1, 2026.

Timeline of the submission and award process:

January 13, 2026	Deadline for LOIs
February 11, 2026	Invitations sent for to submit full proposal
March 16, 2026	Deadline for full applications
July 1, 2026	Funding begins