# Yale Claude D. Pepper Older Americans Independence Center (OAIC) EXpedited PIlot (EXPI) Program for aging-related research

**Purpose**: The goal of the EXPI Program is to advance the independent research careers of junior faculty and advanced trainees needing quick access to a modest award to respond to critiques of a reviewed grant application.

**Amount**: $1000 to a maximum of $5000 for one year. These awards are intended to facilitate access to the OAIC Operations (including Field Operations and Data Management and Informatics) and Biostatistics Cores but may be also used for the purchase of reagents, supplies or equipment.

**Eligibility:** The PI of the project must be a junior faculty member or advanced trainee at Yale with a reviewed external grant application who is a Scholar or Affiliate of the Yale Pepper Center.

**Application Deadline;** Applications are accepted on a rolling deadline.

**Requirements for funding:** The proposal should result in preliminary data or analyses that are likely to increase chances of success for a grant application on resubmission.

Proposals should be responsive to the [Yale OAIC hypothesis](Yale OAIC hypothesis).

Awarded funds must be exhausted by the time of the grant resubmission.

***Note: Due to the rapid turnover of these awards, all Human Subjects or Animal Protocols must be approved at the time of the application.***

## Application Process:

Applications may be submitted by email at any time and will be reviewed on a rolling basis until allocated funds for that fiscal year are exhausted. Applicants should email Denise Acampora ([denise.acampora@yale.edu](mailto:denise.acampora@yale.edu)) to inquire whether applications are being accepted.

**The application should include:**
1.  The Specific Aims page of the grant application for NIH grants (or equivalent page for grants from other organizations)

2.  A copy of the critiques of the application, with scoring

3.  A 1 page proposal (single-spaced Arial 11 point font, ½ inch margins), focusing on:
    - how funds will be used to respond to grant application critiques
    - relevance to the Yale OAIC hypothesis
    - funds requested and budget with timeline
    - list of HRPP or Yale IACUC protocol approval numbers
    - brief statement from a senior faculty member regarding mentorship support (if any).

4.  Biosketches of all investigators

*Proposals will be reviewed, and investigators will be notified within 4 weeks of receipt of the application. Progress report(s) and citing the Yale OAIC in publications related to the project will be required of successful applicants.*