



## **The Portes Foundation Call for Proposals**

The Portes Foundation, in association with The Institute of Medicine of Chicago (IOMC), is soliciting proposals for research projects in health promotion, and disease prevention. Please share this letter with colleagues who may be interested.

Historically, the Portes Foundation has funded grants in the range of \$25,000 to \$50,000. Grants are awarded for one year projects. We invite proposals that explore research or implementation ideas important in health promotion and disease prevention. These projects may be investigative in etiologic factors, preventive measures, primary and secondary prevention screening, and education. Projects in patient education or health professions education will also be considered. All projects must include a complete and thorough evaluation component.

The principal investigator must be a MD, DO, or PhD, have an appointment at a medical school, other health science schools or colleges, or a medical school affiliated hospital or group practice. The letter must have the endorsement of the Dean or the principal research officer and have appropriate institutional review board where relevant, the human subjects review board approval. We do not fund indirect costs or capital equipment. Travel costs may be requested up to \$1,000 and reasonable publication and page charges may be covered.

All proposals will be peer-reviewed by a scientific committee of The Portes Foundation and the IOMC. The first phase of this process is a Letter of Intent, which should not exceed three pages. It should concisely describe the purpose and rationale of the study, its expected outcome, as well as the basic methods that will be used for evaluating the success of the project.

The letter of intent must be submitted electronically to [iomcstaff@iomc.org](mailto:iomcstaff@iomc.org) by August 1, 2018. In September, letter of interest (LOI) submitters will be notified of the initial determination and, if applicable, a complete formal proposal will be requested. Acceptance of the LOI only means that the Portes Foundation and IOMC consider the concept within their mission and are now interested in evaluating a complete proposal.

If requested, the complete proposal will be due by the end of November (electronic submission). The proposal must include a succinct review of relevant literature explaining the rationale and purpose of the study, a description of the population or other cohorts to be studied, the research design and methodology, and the evaluation methodology. Applicants will be notified in February 2019.

Sincerely yours.

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Chair, Portes Foundation Grant Committee