



**To:** CHIP Affiliates

**From:** Jeff Fisher, Director, Center for Health, Intervention, and Prevention

**Date:** 10/22/08

**Re: CHIP Grant Development Stipend Competition**

CHIP would like to offer summer stipends to junior faculty who are CHIP affiliates to assist them with writing successful grant applications in health behavior change. We will seek applications from CHIP affiliated junior faculty to compete for the stipend. Applications should describe the focus of the grant application to be written, how it contributes to the literature, the type of grant (R21, R01), the agency, any funding mechanism under which the grant will be submitted. Applications should also specify, in some detail, the work you will do on the grant during the period covered by the CHIP stipend. *Applications should contain, in brief form, the content of sections A-D of typical NIMH grant applications and should not exceed five single-spaced pages with NIMH margins.* Evidence that the funding agency is interested in the area under study will be helpful.

Applications for this stipend will be reviewed by a CHIP internal grants committee, by NIMH grant review rules. We propose to fund two successful applicants for the 2009 summer, at \$5000 each, to be paid to successful applicants as a stipend when the grant application is submitted to an external funding agency.

While the grant is being prepared, CHIP will mentor the grant writer and will also send the proposal, before it is submitted to the funder, for external review by the major experts in the field. We may also send the proposal to program officials at NIH for feedback. All feedback can be incorporated in the final external grant application.

Those selected for the CHIP Grant Development Stipend cannot do summer teaching in 2009 during the period of the stipend.

Send a brief letter of intent electronically by **December 1, 2008** to **Stacey Leeds** at [c.stacey.leeds@uconn.edu](mailto:c.stacey.leeds@uconn.edu). The final application is due electronically by **January 12, 2009 by midnight**. Please include a current curriculum vitae and recommendation from a corresponding University department.

If you have questions regarding this opportunity, please contact Jeff Fisher at 860-486-4940 or [jeffrey.fisher@uconn.edu](mailto:jeffrey.fisher@uconn.edu).