MIT ROYBAL CENTER FOR TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH TO IMPROVE HEALTH CARE FOR THE AGING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)
SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTIONS

The MIT Roybal Center seeks to identify, fund, and support low-cost, high impact trials of behavioral interventions for mid-life and older people that can inform policy solutions to ensure their care is efficient, effective, and equitable.

This document outlines special requirements of the MIT Roybal Center RFP. Please make sure to carefully review the HCDI RFP Instructions
(available here [**LINK**]) for full proposal requirements.

RFP TIMELINE

MIT Roybal Center RFP V Opens	September 27, 2023
MIT Roybal Center RFP V Closes	January 3, 2024
Deadline to submit supplemental Roybal proposal documents for NIH review and approval	March 15, 2024
Anticipated NIH approval	August 2024

*Contingent on securing NIH approval

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
J-PAL affiliates, J-PAL post-doctoral fellows, and researchers invited by J-PAL North America (invited researchers) are eligible to apply for funding. *Please note that graduate students are not eligible for Roybal funding.*

TYPE OF FUNDING
The Roybal Center will accept pilot proposals only. Pilots must meet NIH's definition of a clinical trial to qualify for Roybal funding.

Pilot studies may be awarded a **maximum of $75,000, including the full federally-negotiated indirect cost rate of the PI's institution**. **The award period for NIH pilot awards should be for one year from June 1-May 31 to align with the Roybal budget period.** Projects will not be able to begin enrollment or any other activities until NIH has approved the project, which will likely be in August 2024.

BUDGET REQUIREMENTS
*Please review the full budget requirements in the HCDI RFP Instructions
(available here [LINK]).*

Proposals submitted to the MIT Roybal Center RFP can include PI effort calculated against the NIH salary cap of $203,700. Note that NIH requires measurable effort for key personnel.

REVIEW PROCESS

Proposals are reviewed by two peer reviewers from J-PAL's academic network. After peer review, the HCDI RFP Review Board reviews each proposal and makes all funding decisions. The Review Board may grant unconditional approval, conditional approval (pending minor revisions), a request to revise and resubmit, or a rejection. After review by the Review Board, proposals will then be sent to the NIA for final approval. PIs will need to provide additional documentation for NIA review. Requirements will vary across proposals, but may include documentation of IRB approval, a data safety and monitoring plan, and other detailed human subjects protection information. Regardless of funding status, all applicants to the RFP will receive redacted comments from the referees.