



HARC Funding for Seed Projects or Secondary Data Analysis

HARC is offering funding support for up to 4 teams interested in conducting innovative research that explores emerging and enduring issues in early childhood home visiting. We will fund research that falls into two categories:

- 1) Research that uses shared or linked data sources
- 2) Research that leverages HARC's [practice-based research network](#)

Studies are expected to incorporate one or more elements of precision home visiting research. Please see our [newly published resource](#) for more information. Studies should also focus on at least one of the following emerging or enduring priorities identified in a recent HARC member survey:

- Contextual factors that influence home visiting quality or outcomes
- Workforce development
- Virtual and hybrid service delivery
- Family engagement
- Home visiting adaptations for family and community context
- Community service access and coordination
- Leveraging targeted and universal home visiting investments to expand the reach of services
- Promoting community engagement and voice in research

This funding will be awarded in the form of subcontracts to selected institutions. Up to \$35,000 in total costs will be available for each project. Funds can be used to support:

- Salaries of individuals working on the project
- Study participant remuneration
- Engagement of community partners in study planning or implementation (e.g., home visiting staff or caregivers)
- Domestic travel costs to support dissemination of project findings
- Article Processing Charges to support publication of project findings as open access articles

The following types of In-Kind Supports are also available (all optional):

- Assistance recruiting via the HARC PBRN
- Technical assistance to integrate precision research principles
- Consultation on research methods and statistical approaches
- Connections with other researchers with similar interests or expertise
- Venues for disseminating results, such as inclusion in the monthly [HARC newsletter](#) and [HARC Resource Library](#)

If selected, research teams will be required to:

- Complete the project within 12 months. No-cost extensions will only be granted for well-justified extenuating circumstances.
- If using the PBRN, receive and respond to feedback from the HARC Council prior to study implementation. The HARC Council is comprised of a wide range of representatives of the home visiting community (e.g., home visiting models and program staff, state and network home visiting leads, families enrolled in home visiting, researchers).
- Obtain IRB approval from their home institution.
- Share results in a HARC webinar and prepare a short summary of results (e.g., research brief or infographic) for posting on the HARC website within two months of the end of the project period.
- Provide feedback to the HARC Leadership Team on their experience with the funding opportunity to assist in improving future opportunities.

To apply, please submit the following to harc@hvresearch.org by May 5, 2025. We anticipate that awards will be available by June 30.

- A 3-page prospectus (11pt font, single space) that provides a brief background and rationale for the study, specific aims, study design and methods (including a high-level overview of measures and analysis plan), and timeline. Please indicate if you are an early career investigator (within 5 years of degree completion). If you are an early career investigator, please describe briefly whether and how an institutional mentor will support your work on the study (will not count toward page limit).
- Budget and budget justification (up to \$35,000 in total costs). Please also describe any in-kind support you are requesting.

Priority for funding will be given to early career investigators and investigators who partner with home visiting programs in designing and implementing the study. Applications will also be evaluated based on the extent to which the topic addresses one of the identified emerging or enduring issues, the soundness of the research design and methods, and potential impact for home visiting practice and/or policy.

NOTE. Many receiving institutions waive or reduce indirect costs in certain circumstances such as the small total cost of the award, seed funding which may attract larger awards, funding for trainees, potential for community relations or strategic partnership, junior faculty, and inclusion of in-kind support from the sponsor. Recipients are encouraged to inquire about a full or partial waiver of indirect costs to maximize the impact of their award.

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