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**Microresearch Implementation Proposal Instructions**

1. The proposed research topic must be relevant to rural health care, rural population health, or rural health workforce education and training.
2. The proposal limit is 2 pages, single-spaced, not counting references, in a font no smaller than Arial 11-point, Times New Roman 12-point, or similar sized font. References may be listed on page 3.
3. Use the headings provided:

**Background:**

Provide background to describe the motivation for the study; explain the relevance to rural health care, rural population health, or rural health workforce education and training; and describe the goals for the study, including potential impact. Provide the definition of rural that applies to your study population.

**Research question(s) or hypotheses:**

Describe clear, specific research question(s) or hypotheses.

**Methods:**

Explain how you will answer your study questions. What you will do? Where you will do it? What data source(s) will you use? If you will work other research team members, engage community members (including in-kind contributions to the study), or collaborate with health professionals from other disciplines, please describe.

**Expected products/dissemination:**

Describe expected products of the research, how you will share the results, and with whom.

**Timeline:**

Provide a realistic timeline with key milestones that illustrate how you will expend all funds by June 20, 2022, and how you will complete and disseminate results within 2 years of notice of award.

**Proposed Mentor:**

A named research mentor is required. You and your mentor will participate in quarterly Rural PREP Microresearch Learning Community 60-minute tele-video meetings.

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**Pre-proposal Checklist**

The following tips are based on past applications submitted to Rural PREP. You can improve your application’s chances of success by reviewing the following checklist ***as you formulate your proposal*** and ***before submission****.* As always, when in doubt, please contact Rural PREP for guidance about your specific idea or situation!

* Do you meet one of the three applicant eligibility criteria contained in the microresearch guidance document (“Procedure” item 2)?
* Does the population, community, or geography of interest meet the rural criteria contained in the Microresearch Funding Opportunity Guidance document, “Procedure” item 2.a(3)?
* Did you explain what, specifically, is rural about your topic of interest? (for example, what is the rural “angle” or relevance for a study on lead exposure?)
* Is your project a research study or evaluation, as opposed to an activity that is purely an intervention or service project without a research or evaluation component?
* Did you include a timeline of key activities, including IRB review (if needed)?
* Is your project of an appropriate scope so that there will be sufficient time to complete it within one year from notice of award?
* Did you clearly describe all planned research activities, with rationale for your choices, including:
  + target population(s)?
  + estimated sample sizes?
  + how you will recruit study subjects (if applicable)?
  + how you will collect data from/about subjects?
  + analyses you will conduct?
* If others will be part of the research team, are everyone’s roles and contributions (including the applicant’s) clearly described?
* Is the proposal length within the 2-page limit, excluding references, and conforming to the formatting requirements list in #2 under the Instructions above?

**Applicant name:**

**Project title:**

**Background:**

**Research question(s) or hypotheses:**

**Methods:**

**Expected products/dissemination:**

**Timeline:**

**Proposed mentor (if any):**

I agree to participate in at least three (3) of four (4) quarterly Rural PREP Microresearch Learning Community 60-minute tele-video meetings over the next year.

**Signature (electronic allowed): Date:**

**References**