

## REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTENT (LOI)

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**JHU OAIC Awards, Grant Year 2021-2022**  
**Extended LOI Due Date for OAIC Awards: February 22, 2021**

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The National Institute on Aging-supported **Johns Hopkins Older Americans Independence Center** (OAIC; <https://coah.jhu.edu/oaic/>) has extended the due date for **Letters of Intent (LOI) for Pilot / Exploratory Studies Core Awards** (max \$30K), which support faculty conducting a scientific projects related to physical frailty in older adults, and for **Biostatistics Core Development Project Awards** (max \$35K), which support methods-oriented research with respect to statistics, data development, or measurement of frailty. The goals of these proposals should be to elucidate the etiology of frailty or develop interventions or treatments for frailty. Please note: we are not accepting additional LOIs for other award mechanisms (Research Education Core or Biological Mechanisms development projects) at this time.

**LOI Submission Process:**

The LOI should be targeted to one of the two awards described above, can be up to 2 pages in length, and must include the following components: 1) proposal summary and study aims; 2) statement of significance to the field of frailty research; and 3) brief summary of research approach. LOIs should be submitted as either Word or PDF documents to the OAIC Administrator, Brian Buta, [bbuta@jhu.edu](mailto:bbuta@jhu.edu), **by February 22, 2021**. An NIH style biosketch also should be submitted with the LOI.

**Review process and next steps:**

LOIs received by the due date will be reviewed by the OAIC Leadership Council by early March 2021. Selected proposed projects will then be invited to submit full project proposals, due by April 1, 2021. Detailed information on full proposal requirements will be provided at that time. We welcome the opportunity to discuss the suitability and relevance of proposed scientific projects ahead of the LOI deadline. Please direct questions to [bbuta@jhu.edu](mailto:bbuta@jhu.edu).