

The University of Cincinnati  
Office of the Vice President for Research  
Collaborative Research Advancement Grants Program  
Track 1: PILOT TEAMS

*The pilot teams track is for newly established teams in the initial stages of research.*

The Office of the Vice President for Research is pleased to announce a new, multi-track internal funding opportunity: The Collaborative Research Advancement Grants Program.

**Track 1: PILOT TEAMS** is an investment in newly established teams in the initial stages of research. Preference will be given to: 1) Projects that align with one or more of the [United Nation's Strategic Development Goals](#); 2) Projects that have the potential to **positively impact our community or region**.

**Eligibility & expectations:**

- Eligible Principal Investigators (PIs) include UC faculty members with at least an 80% FTE appointment;
- Eligible teams are composed of two or more UC faculty members with at least an 80% FTE appointment;
- Faculty holding a primary appointment in one of UC's affiliates (CCHMC, VA and Shriners) are eligible to contribute effort to a team, but may not be a PI;
- External collaborators are eligible to contribute effort to a team, but may not be a PI;
- Letters of collaboration are required from external partners. Template available here: [Collaboration Letter to UC](#)
- A PI who received previous funding IS eligible to submit a proposal to this program and the application will be considered **IF**: 1) The PI has met ALL requirements of former awards within budget and timeframe; **AND** 2) The PI can provide data/evidence that the previously funded project has been published in some format **OR** the PI can provide other forms of evidence that the formerly funded research/creative work was successful.

**Proposal submission requirements:**

- Descriptive title (250 words or less);
- Table of Investigators/collaborators with faculty/staff appointment levels, College/Department affiliations, a link to up-to-date UC Research Directory profiles, and a statement regarding the specific roles of each investigator/collaborator on the project. Template available here: [Investigator Template](#)

- Description of Proposed Activities: This section should include the significance of the project, project methodology, and expected outcomes (3-5 pages);
- Data Management Plan (DMP): <http://guides.libraries.uc.edu/c.php?g=600274>;
- Table of specific funding opportunities that will be targeted upon completion of research
- Schedule of proposed plan of work and milestones (one page or less);
- Detailed line-item budget.

**Awards:** Number of awards and award amounts may vary. Funds will be made available to awardees on July 1, 2018. The award period is 18 months and begins July 1, 2018.

Final reports are due by January 15, 2020. A final report template will be provided to awardees.

**Review & Selection Process:** Each proposal will be reviewed by a team of reviewers. The review process will be managed such that no conflict of interest issues arise. The review panel recommendations for funding will be forwarded to the Vice President for Research for final approval.

#### Review Criteria:

- Pilot team in the initial stages of research;
- Project aligns with one or more of the [United Nation's Strategic Development Goals \(preferred\)](#);
- Project has the potential to **positively impact our community or region (preferred)**;
- Intellectual excellence, quality, and sophistication of proposed project;
- Creativity & innovation of proposed project;
- Evidence that proposed outcomes advance knowledge;
- Evidence of the intellectual/cultural significance of the proposed project, including its value to scholars, students, and/or general audiences;
- Quality conception, definition, organization, and description of the project and clarity of expression in the proposal;
- The feasibility and appropriateness of the proposed plan of work, including, when relevant, the data management plan and plans otherwise for documentation, assessment, dissemination, and access to the research/creative work to proposed audience/s;
- Likelihood the proposed project will be successfully completed within budget/timeframe;
- Broader, societal impacts of proposed project.

#### Grant Conditions

- Any publications resulting from this research effort must acknowledge "University of Cincinnati, Office of the Vice President for Research - Collaborative Advancement Grant Program" as project funding source.
- Project duration is 18 months. Extensions may be granted if appropriately justified in writing by Grant Program Officer.
- Allowable costs will typically be those associated with successful completion of a research project, and may include equipment, assistant/assistance salaries, undergraduate student support, materials and supplies, travel, and communication and publication costs, rental of space for construction, making, performance, installation of creative work, and etc. Please note that neither indirect costs nor graduate or undergraduate student tuition can be charged to this research project.

- Grant funds cannot be used for direct support of CCHMC, VA or Shriner's employees or for UC faculty.
- A financial report will be provided from the PI's department at the end of the 18-month period. Expenses at the conclusion of the project will be reviewed and all unused funds will be returned for reallocation toward future awards.
- It is expected that recipients of the Collaborative Research Advancement Grants will participate in other activities such as proposal reviews for this program or other internal funding opportunities out of the Office of the Vice President for Research in the future.

**RFP is open on November 3, 2017, 8:00 am EST.  
Proposals are due December 14, 2017, 5:00 pm EST.**

**QUESTIONS?** *Contact the Collaborative Research Advancement Grants Program Officer:*

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