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

Advancing innovative high-risk/reward/impact research@UC

Program Funding Level: *Applicants may request up to $25,000.00 in total costs**

The Office of the Vice President for Research is pleased to announce the 2018 RFP for our multi-track internal funding opportunity: *The Collaborative Research Advancement Grants Program*.

The Pilot Funding program is an Office of Research investment in faculty that seeks to encourage collaboration and stimulate team-based research whose work: 1) Is highly innovative; 2) Directly improves the lives of people; *and* 3) Has the potential to attract extramural funding. Within these general guidelines, the types of teams and projects that will be most competitive for Track 1: Pilot Funding are those that:

- Are multi-disciplinary and creatively pursuing a *new* line of inquiry;
- Involve and/or provide support for UC's under-represented junior investigators, post-docs, and/or graduate students;
- Partner w/ government, NGO, industry, and/or community entities to solve a specific problem;
- Pursue high-risk/high reward projects that have potential for scalability;
- Conduct research towards new (or of existing) policy that addresses issues that impact people in our community and around the world;
- Align with at least one of the **United Nation's Strategic Development Goals**:

   In 2015, the UN adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, establishing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity. The SDGs comprise 17 goals aimed at social and economic mobility, peace, justice, and education, and safe, resilient communities.

   The UC Office of Research aligns itself with and supports research that has the potential for environmental, social, and economic impact. We are committed to advancing local and global development through creativity, research and scholarship. The Office of Research is developing partnerships amongst students, faculty, researchers, and industry experts and supporting collaborations that produce future-forward ideas and develop and implement innovative solutions to societal challenges.

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 from at least TWO DISTINCT COLLEGES;
- 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;
- If awarded funding, faculty working with external partners will be required to submit letters of collaboration. A template will be provided.
- A PI who received previous, internal 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:

Applications will be submitted online at: https://webportalapp.com/sp/home/cra-track-1

Awards: Number of awards and award amounts may vary. Funds will be made available to awardees on July 1, 2019. The award period is 18 months and begins July 1, 2019.

Final reports are due by January 15, 2022. *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 go first to the Program Officer for review and to the Vice President for Research for final approval.

Review Criteria:
- Broader impacts clearly expressed;
- Approach, feasibility, data sharing and assessment plan of the proposed project;
- Justification for composition of team.

Grant Conditions
- Any publications resulting from this research effort must acknowledge "University of Cincinnati, Office of the Vice President for Research - Collaborative Advancement Grants - Pilot 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 are those listed in the proposal budget. Please note: Neither indirect costs nor graduate or undergraduate student tuition can be charged to research funded via PILOT funds.
- Grant funds cannot be used for direct support of CCHMC, VA or Shriner's employees or for supplemental salary 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 Offices of the Vice President for Research in the future.

RFP is open on October 16, 2018, 8:00 am EST.
Proposals are due December 21, 2018, 5:00 pm EST.

QUESTIONS?
Contact the Collaborative Research Advancement Grants Track 1: PILOTS Program *Officer:*

Track 1: PILOT TEAMS
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