

The University of Cincinnati  
Office of the Vice President for Research  
University Research Council (URC)  
**Arts Advancement Program**

*Advancing humanity through the arts@UC*

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**Program Funding Level:** Applicants may request up to \$10,000.00 in total costs

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*Cultural and Creative Industries (CCI) are a massive contributor to the world economy and a key driver of the digital economy. They are strategic assets for national and regional economies, creating millions of jobs, boosting cities' attractiveness and improving the quality of life in developed as well as in emerging countries.\* <sup>1</sup>*

The Office of the Vice President for Research is pleased to announce the 2018 RFP for the URC Arts Advancement Program. This program expands upon Office of Research investments in the arts, humanities & social sciences through incentivization of research, scholarship, and creativity that is focused on: 1) Lifting up underrepresented and/or unheard voices to strengthen collective understanding of the human condition; 2) Work that seeks to impact policy by illuminating the root causes of injustice; or 3) Artist-driven work that includes meaningful community engagement (Cincinnati and/or beyond). Within these general guidelines, the types of projects that will be most competitive for this program are those that:

- Address a specific societal problem;
- Have the potential for societal impact;
- Have the potential to contribute to the cultural/creative industry: <http://www.worldcreative.org/>;
- Involve internal and external partnering.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.worldcreative.org/#overview>

### Eligibility & expectations:

- Eligible applicants include 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 the primary applicant;
- External collaborators are eligible to contribute effort to a team, but may not be primary applicant;
- Letters of collaboration are required from external partners. Template available: <http://researchhow2.uc.edu/search?indexCatalogue=researchhow2-dev&searchQuery=External+Collaboration+Letter+Template&wordsMode=0>
- An applicant who received previous URC funding IS eligible to submit a proposal to this program and the application will be considered **IF:** 1) The applicant has met ALL requirements of former awards within budget and timeframe; **AND** 2) The applicant can provide data/evidence that the previously funded project was successful and impactful.

### Proposal submission requirements:

Applications will be submitted online at: <https://webportalapp.com/sp/urc>

**Awards:** Number of awards and award amounts may vary. The award period is 12 months, starting July 1, 2019. The Office of Research Director of Business Affairs will contact awardees' College business managers to facilitate transfer of funds upon awardees' acceptance of awards (awards announced in February, 2019). Note: While awardees' funds may be accessible for expending prior to July 1, 2019, the '12-month clock does not begin ticking' until July, 1 2019.

Final reports are due by January 1, 2021. *A final report template will be provided to awardees.*

**Review & Selection Process:** Each URC proposal will be reviewed by a team of URC reviewers. The review process is double-blind and it will be managed such that no conflict of interest issues arise. The URC review panel recommendations for funding will be assessed by the Program Officer who makes penultimate recommendations to the Vice President for Research for final approval.

### Official Review Criteria:

- Artistic excellence/significance;
- Artistic merit of the project:
  - Potential to enrich humanity
- Potential to contribute to the cultural and creative industry: <http://www.worldcreative.org/>
- Potential to address a specific societal problem;
- Soundness of the approach, feasibility, dissemination and assessment plan;
- Appropriateness to UC's Strategic Directions: Urban Impact platform/Urban Futures pathway.

## Grant Conditions

- All work resulting from this research effort must acknowledge “University of Cincinnati, Office of the Vice President for Research - Arts Advancement Grant Program” as project funding source.
- Project duration is 12 months beginning July 1, 2019 and ending July 1, 2020. The program officer will consider requests for extensions that are appropriately justified and submitted in writing to the program officer. **Extensions will not be granted after January 1, 2019.**
- 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 Arts Advancement Grant 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 12-month period. Expenses at the conclusion of the project will be reviewed and all unused funds will be returned to the Office of Research for reallocation toward future awards.
- It is expected that awardees 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 Program Officer:

### Arts Advancement Program

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