

Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Advancement Program

KEY DATES

10/28/20 RFP Released
12/15/20 Proposals Due (Tuesday)
02/02/21 Awardees Announced (Monday)
05/03/21 Program Start Date (Tuesday)

Total Program Budget: \$100,000; Up to 10 awards will be made.

Expanding upon previous investments in arts, humanities and social sciences (AHSS), the Office of Research seeks to incentivize novel research, exceptional scholarship, and the production of creative and performing art works that address issues of increasing societal significance. This program will follow a one-stage, full proposal/application process. This program is open to UC faculty whose proposed activities fall within the areas of the arts, humanities and social sciences. Application budget limit: \$10,000.

As high-level frames of reference, the Office of Research refers applicants to two impact frameworks to help applicants articulate the broader impacts of the proposed project:

1. [The Social Impact Explorer](#)
2. [United Nations Sustainable Development Goals \(UNSDGs\)](#)

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;
- An applicant who received previous Office of Research funding IS eligible to submit a proposal to this program **IF:** 1) The applicant has met ALL requirements of former awards within budget and timeframe; 2) The applicant can provide data/evidence that the previously funded project was successful and impactful.

Proposal submission requirements

Applications will be submitted online via *Wisehive*, a user-friendly, internal funding program software. When application is available, the link to it will be posted here:

<https://research.uc.edu/funding/overview>

Proposal requirements

- Project Working Title
- Project Description (300 word max)
- Approach/Methodology (300 word max)
- Broader Impacts (300 word max)
- Alignment with UC's Strategic Direction (150 word max)
- Detailed budget

Awards

The application budget limit is \$10,000.00. Award amounts vary. The award period for this program is 12 months, starting 05/03/21. 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 February 2, 2020). Funds are transferred to the primary applicant's college business office who works with awardees to expend the funds in alignment with the proposed budget. Upon completion, awardees will submit a one-page final report to research@uc.edu. Final reports are due August 31, 2021.

Review & Selection Process

Each proposal will be reviewed by a team of internal reviewers. The review process is double-blind and it will be managed to ensure no conflict of interest issues arise. The AHSS Advancement Program review panel recommendations for funding will be assessed by the program officer who assess the panel's reviews and makes final recommendations to the Vice President for Research for final approval.

Official Review Criteria

- Potential for broad societal impact;
- Soundness of the approach, feasibility, dissemination and assessment plan;
- Appropriateness to UC's strategic plan for research [RESEARCH2030](#)

Grant Conditions

1. All work resulting from the internally funded research effort must acknowledge "University of Cincinnati, Office of the Vice President for Research – URC Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences Advancement Grant Program" as project funding source.
2. Project duration is 12-months. Requests for extensions that are appropriately justified and submitted in writing to the program officer will be considered. Extensions will not be granted after December 1, 2021.

3. Allowable costs are those listed in the proposal budget that were approved by the review panel and program director. Please note: Neither indirect costs nor graduate or undergraduate student tuition can be charged to research funded via Office of Research funds.
4. Grant funds cannot be used for direct support of CCHMC, VA or Shriner's employees and/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.
5. 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 28, 2020. Proposals are due December 15, 5:00 pm EST.

QUESTIONS?

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