Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Advancement Program

KEY DATES
10/28/21 RFP Released
12/15/21 by 11:59PM EST Proposals Due
12/20 - 2/21/22 Review Period
3/1/22 Finalists Notified
03/21/22 Awardees Announced
05/10/22 Program Start Date

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

Building 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. The AHSS 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;
- So to foster and increase intellectual, cultural, racial, and gender-based diversity in our applicant pool and to encourage new and early-career applicants, faculty who have received Office of Research funding in the last five years (2016-2021) from the AHSS, Pilot, Pivot, Scholars,

Strategic, Urban Futures Pathway and/or the Digital Futures program are **not** eligible to serve as primary applicant.[1]

Proposal submission requirements

Applications will be submitted online via *Wizehive*, a user-friendly, internal funding software. When the application is available on the *Wizehive* platform, the live link to apply will be posted at https://research.uc.edu/funding/overview.

Proposal requirements

- Name, Title, College, and Department of primary applicant;
- Names, Titles, College, & Department of internal/affiliate collaborators;
- Names, Titles, and Organization names of external collaborators;
- Title of Research Project;
- Problem Statement (300 word max);
- Approach (300 word max);
- Impact (300 word max);
- Detailed budget (simple table format)[2];
- Bibliography (1-page max – any standard format is acceptable);
- 3-page biosketch/CV (template available on the website);
- Research Protocol Compliance Check-In questions
  - View policy regarding participant compensation

Official Review Criteria

- Problem statement - *What are you doing?*
- Approach - *How will you do it?*
- Impact - *Why is this important - Societal impact? Impact in the field? Career advancement?*

Review & Selection Process

One-step program applications and two-step program *final* applications will be reviewed by a diverse team of previously funded faculty as well as other faculty, emeriti faculty, UC affiliates, and staff. Application scores and comments will be made available to all applicants following the public announcement of awards. The Office of Research will not be providing scores or feedback on LOIs. The

Office of Research review process is managed to ensure no conflict of interest issues arise. Review panel recommendations for funding will be analyzed by Office of Research program officers who will make final recommendations for funding to the Vice President for Research for final assessment and approval.

Successful Application Information

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[1] *Previously funded faculty are encouraged to serve as a collaborator to a primary applicant - particularly those led by an eligible, early career or new faculty member, an eligible female member of the faculty, and/or an eligible, URM member of the UC faculty.*

[2] *This is necessary only for one-step program applications and two-step program finalists. LOIs do not require a detailed budget.*

Approved grant amounts vary. The grant period for the AHSS program is 12 months. Grant periods begin at the start date of the grant (see above). The Office of Research will contact grantees' business units to facilitate transfer of funds upon the program start date. Funds are transferred to the primary applicant's business unit who works with grantees to expend the funds in alignment with the proposed budget. For internal grants, financial reporting will be handled by the Office of Research Internal Funding unit via the Flex system. At the end of the award period, Office of Research will reclaim all unspent funds for reallocation toward future internal research grants.

Grant Terms & Conditions

1. Allowable costs are those listed in the primary applicant's proposal budget;
2. Grant funds cannot be used for direct support of CCHMC, VA or Shriner's employees and/or for supplemental salary for UC faculty;
3. Neither indirect costs nor graduate or undergraduate student tuition can be charged to research funded via Office of Research funds;
4. Requests for no-cost extensions (that are appropriately justified and submitted in writing to the program officer) will be considered if submitted within the first ½ of the program funding period[3];
5. All work resulting from the internally funded research effort must acknowledge "University of Cincinnati, Office of Research, (and the name the particular internal program)" as the research funding source;
6. You (grantees) agree to submit a final report (template) which clearly indicates project outcomes, deliverables and impacts upon completion of the project at the end of the funding term.
7. You (grantees) agree to allow the UC Office of Research to the internally funded research project via the web, social media, news outlets, and the Office of Research newsletter, *Findings*.
8. Those (grantees) who successfully complete internally funded project agree to serve as a reviewer for the respective internal funding program the following year (12-month program fellows) or following two years (18-month and 24-month programs).

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[3] *Within first 6 months for 12-month programs; Within first 9 months for 18-month programs; Within first 12 months for 24-month programs.*