

The University of Cincinnati Office of Research Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA): The UC Coalition for Change (C3) Grant Program

*\$100k total funding available
Up to four \$25k grants*

KEY DATES

- Thursday, January 12, 2023 FOA release
- LOI Deadline: Thursday, February 2, 2023, 5:00 pm EST
- Finalists Notified: Week of February 28, 2023 (anticipated)
- Final Proposal Deadline: Thursday, March 30, 2023, 5:00 pm EST (for finalists only)
- Finalist Presentations: Week of April 3, 2023 (anticipated)
- Grantee Announced: Week of April 24, 2023 (anticipated)
- Grant Project Period: May 2023 – April 2025

Overview

Building upon previous Next Lives Here investments in the Urban Futures Pathway, the Office of Research seeks to incentivize novel, impactful research, exceptional scholarship, and the production of dynamic creative and performing artworks that address issues of increasing societal significance. This opportunity (formerly titled the 'UC Community Change Collaborative Equitable Cities' opportunity) has been modified significantly to increase access, diversity, equity, and inclusion in research at UC and community impact in and around our region and beyond. To do so, we are now following a two-stage, LOI and finalist round process making it easier for people to apply and gives finalists more time to prepare their full proposal. This program is open to UC faculty whose proposed research and activities seek to address the most pressing issues faced by the people in and around Cincinnati and those in communities beyond our region. Invited finalists budget limit for this funding program is up from its previous \$10,000 per award to \$25,000 per award to encourage faculty participation, research collaboration, and the incentivization of partner organizations and community members.

The first stage of the new process involves the submission of a 2-page letter of interest (LOI). Up to ten finalists will be invited to submit a full proposal and pitch their project at a pitch event that will be held in spring (April) 2023 (anticipated).

LOI: Information required

All applicants will be required to provide their name, UC email, UC ID-number, college, department/unit, date of hire/appointment at UC, and proposal title within the application portal prior to uploading the required pdf file.

The LOI should contain the following information in the order listed below and will be submitted as a single PDF file. Figures/images may be included but cannot be used to exceed the 2 page limit. No hyperlinks or redirects to external information may be included. Your submission must adhere to general requirements of 12-point font, 1-inch margins, and single column layout.

1. Basic Information (100 word max)

-Title of Research Project

-Name, Title, College, and Department of primary applicant

-Names, Titles, College, & Department of internal/affiliate collaborators

-Names, Titles, and Organization names of external collaborators

2. Problem Statement (300 word max) *What will you do?*

3. Approach (300 word max) *How will you do it?*

4. Significance/Impact (300 word max) *Why is this important to do?*

LOI Submission instructions

LOIs will be submitted online via *Wizehive*, a user-friendly platform for easy application submission.

When the platform is ready to accept LOIs, the live link to apply will be posted at

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

LOI Review Criteria

- Suitability of the applicant/team to undertake and complete the proposed project.
- Research project merit
- Clarity, significance, and relevance of project & the problem the project addresses
- Innovation/creativity/feasibility of the proposed approach
- Compliance with Application Guidelines in the FOA and the submission portal.

LOI Finalist Selection & Review Process

Each LOI will be reviewed by a team assembled by the Vice President for Research. Up to ten finalists will be invited to submit a full proposal. Details on the full proposal process and required materials will be distributed to all finalists directly.

Neither comments nor feedback on LOIs will be provided to applicants however, scores, comments & feedback on **full proposals** will be made available to finalists following the public announcement of awards.

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 community experts, UC affiliates, and staff. Each applicant's scores and comments will be made available following the public announcement of awards.

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 senior leadership who will make final recommendations for funding to the Vice President for Research.

Eligibility & expectations

- To increase potential for community relevance and impact, applicants are encouraged to apply with a community partner.
- Teams of two or more faculty from different disciplines and colleges are encouraged to apply.
- 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 and expected to contribute effort to the research team, but may not be primary applicant;
- So to foster and increase access, inclusivity, diversity, and equity in our applicant pool and to encourage new and early-career applicants, faculty with an Assistant Professor level position designation are strongly encouraged to apply.

Funding Program Terms & Conditions

- Allowable costs are those listed in the primary applicant's proposal budget;
- Grant funds cannot be used for direct support of CCHMC, VA or Shriner's employees and/or for supplemental salary for UC faculty;
- Neither indirect costs nor graduate or undergraduate student tuition can be charged to research funded via Office of Research funds;
- No-cost extensions are not allowable;
- All work resulting from the internally funded research efforts must acknowledge "University of Cincinnati, Office of Research, (and the name the particular internal program)" as the research funding source;
- You (grantees) agree to submit a brief mid-term report which clearly indicates external funding sources, application timeline, and your plans to sustain the research beyond the funding term
- You (grantees) agree to submit a brief final report ('impact report') which clearly indicates project outcomes, deliverables and broader impacts at the end of the funding term.
- 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*.
- Those (grantees) who successfully complete internally funded project agree to serve as a reviewer for the respective internal funding program the following two years.

QUESTIONS? Email: research@uc.edu