

## The University of Cincinnati Office of the Vice President for Research

### **University Research Council (URC) Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Advancement Program:** *Advancing impactful, inclusive, & innovative research, scholarship & creativity at UC through internal funding for the arts, humanities, and social sciences*

**RFP is open on October 22, 8:00 am EST. Proposals are due December 12, 5:00 pm EST**

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

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The Office of the Vice President for Research is pleased to announce the 2019-2020 RFP for the **URC Advancement Program for the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences**. This opportunity expands upon previous Office of Research/URC investments in the arts, humanities and social sciences through the incentivization of research, scholarship, and creativity that is: 1) Impactful; 2) Inclusive; and 3) Innovative. Within these general guidelines, the types of projects that will be most competitive for this program:

- Advance intellectual, cultural, racial, and gender-based equity & inclusion
- Address issues of increasing societal significance
- Contributes new knowledge to a particular field
- Original in approach/methodology

Successful applicants will be expected to provide evidence of prior activity that indicates the potential for high-quality achievement.

This program is available to University of Cincinnati appointed faculty only.

\*\*As part of the RFP and application, applicants are asked to consider, articulate and ultimately, measure how the project positively benefits society. As high-level frames of reference, the Office of Research refers applicants to two impact frameworks:

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

Faculty have found the two impact frameworks helpful to refer to when crafting the impact framework for their own work and proposals. Should applicants want help developing the impact framework for their research project, they should contact the program officer for the URC Advancement Program: Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences: [Jennifer.krivickas@uc.edu](mailto:Jennifer.krivickas@uc.edu)

### **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;
- If awarded funding, faculty working with external partners will be required to submit a letter of collaboration that includes:
  - Identification of partner/s (name; org; contact information);
  - Partnership start & end date;
  - Roles & responsibilities of external partner/s;
  - Scope of partnership;
  - Monetary information & deliverable expectations;
  - Confidentiality provisions & expectations;
  - Provisions for exiting the agreement;
  - Date & signatures of research PI & external partner/s.
- 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; 2) The applicant can provide data/evidence that the previously funded project was successful and impactful; 3) The applicant agrees to work with the Office of Research or Foundation to locate external funding to continue, expand upon, and scale prior or potential internally funded research.

### **Proposal submission requirements**

Applications will be submitted online via Wisehive, our internal program software. When application is available, the link to it will be posted here: <https://research.uc.edu/funding/overview>

### **Awards**

Number of awards and award amounts vary. The award period for URC programs is 12 months, starting July 1. 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 by

end of February). Note: While awardees' funds may be accessible for expending prior to July 1, however, the 12-month clock does not begin ticking until July 1.

Final report & impact statement are due by Oct 1. Reports will be submitted online at:  
<https://webportalapp.com/sp/urc-faculty-application-2019>

**Review & Selection Process:** Each URC proposal will be reviewed by an interdisciplinary and inclusive team of internal reviewers. The review process is double-blind and it will be managed to ensure no conflict of interest issues arise.

\*\*\*Applications should be created in such a way that protects the anonymity of the applicant and all internal partners. The software system used for internal funding can create anonymity by blocking fields from reviewers, however, the system cannot selectively block personal information revealed in the narrative portions (project description). Thus, when describing the project scope, etc. applicants should not identify themselves or their team members by name. Those that reveal the identity of the applicant and/or other internal collaborators will not be reviewed.\*\*\*

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:**

- Potential for broad societal impact;
- Soundness of the approach, feasibility, dissemination and assessment plan;
- Appropriateness to UC's [Next Lives Here - Urban Impact platform/Urban Futures pathway](#).

#### **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 beginning July 1. The program director will consider requests for extensions that are appropriately justified and submitted in writing to the program director. Extensions will not be granted after January 1.
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.

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#### **QUESTIONS?**

Contact the Program Officer: *Assistant Vice President for Integrated Research, Jennifer Krivickas:*  
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