

The University of Cincinnati  
Office of the Vice President for Research  
**URC Faculty Research Costs Support Awards**

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**Program Funding Level:** Applicants may request up to \$7,500.00 in total costs

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**RFP is open October 22, 2019, 8:00 am EST.  
Proposals are due December 12, 2019, 5:00 pm EST.**

The Office of the Vice President for Research is pleased to announce the 2019-2020 RFP for the URC Faculty Research Costs Support Awards Program. URC support grants are meant as pilot grants to 1) leverage additional extramural funding in the STEM areas and 2) to interpret and enhance disciplinary knowledge in areas where extramural funds are not generally available. (Please note that additional [Office of Research Award Programs](#) are also available for non-STEM disciplines.)

Successful applicants are expected to present records of prior activity that indicate the potential for high-quality achievement. Faculty from the University of Cincinnati and its affiliate institutions are eligible to apply for this program.

STEM areas include Chemistry, Computer and Information Technology Science, Engineering, Geosciences, Life Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, Social Sciences, Physics and Medicine, Pharmaceutical Sciences.

**Eligibility and 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

letters of collaboration. A template will be provided.

- An applicant who received previous 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.
- Faculty who received URC funding in the past 5 years for the Faculty Research Costs Support program or the Interdisciplinary Faculty Research Support Program are not eligible. Faculty who received an award more than 5 years ago and wish to pursue a new area of research are eligible.
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#### **Proposal Submission Requirements:**

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

Additional information can be found within the portal about the requirements for each section and all of the words maximums in the system are shown below.

#### **Proposal Contents:**

- Submission of a Biographical Sketch (PDF upload; 4 pages maximum, double-spaced, 12 point font, 1 inch margins)
- Project Description (500 words)
- Broader Impacts (500 words)
- Preliminary Data (if any) (250 words)
- Approach/Methodology (a labeled graphical timeline can be attached to the “figures section” and referred to if preferred to writing one out) (500 words)
- Innovation (250 words)
- New Area of Research (250 words)
- How this Grant Affects Career Advancement (250 words)
- Budget Justification
- Funds to Continue Research and Likelihood of Future External Funding (250 words)

**Awards:** Number of awards and award amounts may vary. The award period is 12 months, starting May 1<sup>st</sup>. 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). Note: While awardees' funds may be accessible for expending prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>, the '12-month clock does not begin ticking' until May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Review & Selection Process:** Each URC proposal will be reviewed by a team of reviewers. The review process is blind and it will be managed such that no conflict of interest issues arise. The review panel's 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:**

- Research Project Merit
  - What is the problem being addressed:
  - Why is the problem important and interesting:
  - What is the hypothesis (or hypotheses) to be tested:
  - Is the strategy proposed to solve the problem an appropriate one to pursue:
  - What will we know when the project is completed that we do not know now:
  - How innovative is the proposed research
- Compliance with Application Guidelines in the RFP and the Submission Portal

**Grant Conditions:**

- All work resulting from this research effort must acknowledge "University of Cincinnati, Office of the Vice President for Research – URC Faculty Research Costs Award Program" as project funding source.
- Project duration is 12 months beginning May 1<sup>st</sup> and ending April 30<sup>th</sup>. The program officer will consider requests for extensions that are appropriately justified and submitted in writing to the program officer.
- Allowable costs will typically be those associated with successful completion of a research or scholarly project, and may include equipment, supplies, research assistant salaries or services. Travel to meetings or conferences is not supported. Travel that is essential to successful completion of the aims of the project is permitted. Publication costs (e.g., charges associated with reproduction of materials or obtaining copyrights) are allowable.
- 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.

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**QUESTIONS?**

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