

# The Office of the Vice President for Research

## Collaborative Research Advancement Grants Program

### PILOT FUNDING

*Advancing impactful, inclusive, and innovative research@UC*

**Program Funding Level:** Applicants may request up to \$25,000.00 in total costs\*

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The Office of the Vice President for Research is pleased to announce the RFP for *The Collaborative Research Advancement Grants: PILOT FUNDING!*

The Pilot Funding program is an Office of Research investment (in UC faculty) that encourages collaboration and stimulates team-based research that is: 1) Impactful; 2) Inclusive; **and** 3) Innovative. Within this framework, the types of teams and projects that will be *most* competitive for Pilot Funding are those that:

- Embrace intellectual, cultural, racial, and gender-based equity & inclusion in research;
- Take a multi-disciplinary approach to address issues of increasing societal significance;
- Create new knowledge through unique approaches to research, scholarship and/or creative work;
- Partner w/ government, NGO, industry, and/or community entities to tackle a specific problem.

\*\*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 Collaborative Research Advancement Grants: [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 funding from the Office of Research 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 UC 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 the portal is available, the link will be posted @ <https://research.uc.edu/funding/overview>

## Awards

The number of awards and award amounts vary. The award period for the pilot program is 18 months, starting July 1, 2020. 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, the 18-month clock does not begin ticking until July 1.

Final report due no later than three months after end of project period. Reports will be submitted online via *Wisehive*, our internal program software.

**Review & Selection Process:** Each Pilot 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 Pilot 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 – Collaborative Advancement Grants: Pilot Program” as project funding source.
2. Project duration is 18-months beginning July 1, 2020. The program officer will consider requests for extensions that are appropriately justified and submitted in writing to the program officer. **No cost extensions must be requested no later than 5-months before the end of project period.**
3. Allowable costs are those listed in the proposal budget that were approved by the review panel and program officer. 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 18-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 25, 8:00 am EST. Proposals are due December 12, 5:00 pm EST.**

#### **QUESTIONS?**

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