

**Office of the Vice President for Research and Office of the Provost
Science and/or Engineering + Art and/or Design (SE+AD)
Advancement Grant Program
Call for Proposals**

The Offices of the Vice President for Research and Provost are pleased to announce a new, internal grant opportunity: **The SE+AD Advancement Grant Program**, which is linked to our participation in the national [Alliance for the Arts in Research Universities \(a2ru\)](#) program, whose mission is to “advance the full range of arts-integrative research, curricula, programs, and creative practice to acknowledge, articulate, and expand the vital role of higher education in our global society.”

Award Overview

- The world’s most pressing and complex challenges defy singular analytical approaches and interpretation. Our offices aspire to eliminate barriers and create new opportunities for the mutual integration of the arts, humanities, and social sciences (AHSS) with science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and medicine (STEMM) to stimulate and promote partnerships between divergent, convergent, and analytical thinkers, who, when brought together, think more dynamically about problems too complex to be solved by any one discipline.
- This call for proposals seeks bold ideas for translational research that attempts to convert basic research knowledge into practical applications that protect, enhance, and improve the quality of life for those most in need in our region. As such, preference will be given to SE+AD teams who will collaborate with a community partner.
- One grant will be awarded at \$20,000.
 - \$5,000.00 of which will be available to support travel to the 2018 a2ru conference.

Selection Process

Proposals are due **October 16, 2017, by 5:00 pm EST.**

To apply, please upload your proposal to the [application portal](#).

Should you encounter any **technical issues or have technical questions or need technical assistance**, please contact Laura Ready, Program Coordinator, Center for Clinical and Translational

Science and Training (CCTST): (513) 803-1412 or laura.reedy@cchmc.org or urbanolj@ucmail.uc.edu

Please direct all other questions regarding this opportunity to the SE+AD Grant Program Officer, Assistant Vice President for Integrated Research, Jennifer Krivickas Jennifer.Krivickas@uc.edu.

A team of reviewers, which will consist of faculty members and administrators from the offices of the Vice President for Research and the Office of the Provost, will review proposals in a manner such that no conflict of interest issues arise. This team will make recommendations to the Vice President for Research and to the Provost for final approval. The reviewers **will notify recipients by November 16, 2017**.

Please read below for additional submission details.

Eligibility Criteria and Expectations

- Principal Investigators must be UC faculty with an FTE of at least 80%;
- SE+AD teams must have at least one scientist, engineer, or member in a related field plus at least one artist, designer, or member in a related field and represent at least two distinct colleges. For example, a civil engineer (CEAS) + visual artist (DAAP) or a political scientist (A&S) + electronic media producer (CCM) or any similar combination may apply.
- A student mentee must be on the team (undergraduate or graduate level);
- Faculty from UC's affiliates (CCHMC, VA, and Shriners) with joint appointments in a UC department may be team members, but may not serve as principal investigator (PI).
- External collaborators may be team members, but may not serve as a PI;
- Teams must submit a proposal to present at the 2018 a2ru conference by the applicable deadline. If the proposal is accepted, at least one team member (one of which must be the PI), *and* the student mentee must attend the 2018 a2ru conference to present the project.
- Preference will be given to teams who demonstrate intention (in the proposal) to leverage this opportunity to target larger, external funding opportunities (state, federal, foundation, other) for further development and future sustainability of the research project.

Proposal Submission Requirements

The following information is required to apply:

- A brief literature review that summarizes a statement of the problem and the manner in which the proposed project will address the problem (250 words);
- A description of the proposed activities that includes the significance of the project, project methodology, expected outcomes, and explains how the project ties into [a2ru](#) and the [University of Cincinnati's institutional goals](#) (3-5 pages);
- A complete Investigator Table, which is available [here](#);
- A [Data Management Plan \(DMP\)](#);
- A complete Funding Opportunities Template, which is available [here](#);
- A schedule of proposed plan of work and milestones (1 page or less);
- A detailed line-item budget (1-2 pages or less).

Review Criteria

The selection committee will judge proposals based on the following criteria:

- The extent to which the composition of the team meets the proper SE+AD guideline;
- The artistic and intellectual excellence, quality, and sophistication of proposed project;
- The creativity and innovation of proposed project;
- Evidence that proposed research/creative outcomes advance knowledge; Evidence of the intellectual/cultural significance of the proposed project, including its value to scholars, students in the arts, humanities, social sciences and/or general audiences;
- The quality conception, definition, organization, and description of the project and clarity of expression in the proposal;
- The feasibility and appropriateness of the proposed plan of work, including, when relevant, the data management plan and plans otherwise for documentation, assessment, dissemination, and access to the research/creative work to proposed audience/s;
- The likelihood of research/creative work being successfully completed within budget/timeframe;
- The broader, societal impacts of proposed research/creative work.

Reviewer comments will be available after award letters are sent out.

Grant Conditions

- Any publications resulting from this research effort must acknowledge “University of Cincinnati, Offices of the Vice President for Research & Office of the Provost SE+AD Advancement Grant” as project funding source.
- Project duration is 12 months (December 1, 2017 to December 1, 2018). Extensions of up to three months may be granted if appropriately justified in writing to the Grant Program Officer, Assistant Vice President for Integrated Research, Jennifer Krivickas, before December 1, 2018.
- Allowable costs will typically be those associated with successful completion of a research project, and may include equipment, graduate and/or undergraduate student support, materials and supplies, travel, and communication and publication costs, rental of space for construction, making, performance, installation of creative work, and etc. Please note that neither indirect costs nor graduate or undergraduate student tuition can be charged to this research project.
- Grant funds cannot be used to pay the salaries of CCHMC, VA or Shriner’s employees, community collaborators, or for UC faculty.
- The team must submit a financial report by December 1, 2018 to the Assistant Vice President for Integrated Research, Jennifer Krivickas. Expenses at the conclusion of the project will be reviewed and all unused funds will be returned for reallocation toward future awards.
- It is expected that recipients of the SE+AD Advancement Grant 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 and the Office of the Provost in the future.