

The University of Cincinnati
Office of the Vice President for Research
University Research Council (URC)
Humanities and Social Sciences Advancement Program

Advancing impactful humanities & social sciences research@UC

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

The Office of the Vice President for Research is pleased to announce the 2018 RFP for the URC Humanities & Social Sciences Advancement Program. This program expands upon previous Office of Research investments in the humanities & social sciences through incentivization of research and scholarship that is: 1) Innovative; and 2) Impactful. Within these general guidelines, the types of projects that will be most competitive for this program are those that are based on good ideas that demonstrate the potential to benefit society and:

- Advance inclusivity and/or collaboration and/or
- Have the potential to affect policy that addresses issues of societal significance and/or
- Have the potential to contribute innovative & relevant knowledge to respective fields.

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 and indicate how their work benefits/impacts society. The Office of Research uses the [United Nations Sustainable Development Goals](#) (UNSDGs) as a high-level frame of reference for 'impact areas'. If applicants cannot map the societal benefit of their work to the SDGs, they should select the 'other' option (in the application) and manually enter 'an impact statement' in their own words.

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 letters of collaboration. A template will be provided.
- 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; AND 2) The applicant can provide data/evidence that the previously funded project was successful and impactful.

Proposal submission requirements:

Applications will be submitted online at: <https://webportalapp.com/sp/urc-arts-humanities>

Awards: Number of awards and award amounts may vary. The award period is 12 months, starting July 1, 2019. 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, 2019). Note: While awardees' funds may be accessible for expending prior to July 1, 2019, the '12-month clock does not begin ticking' until July, 1 2019.

Final reports are due by January 1, 2021. *A final report template will be provided to awardees.*

Review & Selection Process: Each URC proposal will be reviewed by a team of URC reviewers. The review process is double-blind and it will be managed such that no conflict of interest issues arise. 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;
- Potential to address a specific societal problem;
- Soundness of the approach, feasibility, dissemination and assessment plan;
- Appropriateness to UC's Strategic Directions: Urban Impact platform/Urban Futures pathway.

Grant Conditions

- All work resulting from this research effort must acknowledge "University of Cincinnati, Office of the Vice President for Research - Humanities & Social Sciences Advancement Grant Program" as project funding source.

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- Project duration is 12 months beginning July 1, 2019 and ending July 1, 2020. The program officer will consider requests for extensions that are appropriately justified and submitted in writing to the program officer. Extensions will not be granted after January 1, 2019.
- Allowable costs are those listed in the proposal budget. Please note: Neither indirect costs nor graduate or undergraduate student tuition can be charged to research funded via PILOT funds.
- 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.

**RFP is open on October 16, 2018, 8:00 am EST.
Proposals are due December 21, 2018, 5:00 pm EST.**

QUESTIONS?

Contact the Program Officer:

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