FAQs for Faculty Collaboration Grants

1. What are Faculty Collaboration Grants?

Faculty Collaboration Grants are seed grants intended to support creative, interdisciplinary projects that result in outcomes enabling researchers to apply for other external funding to continue and expand the project.

2. Who can submit a proposal?

Teams of two or more faculty from the Colleges of Fine Arts, Humanities, and Social and Behavioral Sciences may apply. The Primary Investigator (PI) and Co-PI must hold at least a .49 FTE appointment from one of these colleges. The PI and Co-PI must be from different departments. Additional collaborating faculty can come from any college or unit on campus.

3. When is the proposal due?

Applications are due January 29, by 5 pm. Applications must be submitted electronically via the Confluencenter website (click here), as a single PDF file, using the naming convention: PI’s “Last Name_First Name_FCG_Year.”

4. Who will review my proposal?

A review committee comprised of advisory board members and other faculty from CFA, COH, and SBS will evaluate the proposals and make recommendations to the Confluencenter Director who will announce the awards.

5. When are awards announced?

Awards are announced by April 1st.

6. What are the award details?

These grants are one-time awards of up to $15,000. Funds will be available in August before the beginning of the academic year. Projects are to be implemented in 12 months beginning with the start of the academic year following announcement of the award.

7. Are external or matching funds required?

External or matching funds are not required for this grant, but we do intend this funding to be leveraged when seeking outside funding.

8. Can our project last longer than a year, or can we change our budget during the project year?

Any changes to the proposed timeline, budget, or outcomes outlined in the initial application, must be approved in advance by the Director of the Confluencenter, or funding may be forfeited as a result. At the end of the one-year time period, any unused funds must be returned to the Confluencenter.

9. Does the funding have any restrictions?

Award funding cannot be used to pay for any of the following: 1) food, drink, or receptions 2) book or CD subventions, or 3) international travel expenses.

10. Are there any post-award commitments to be aware of?

A summary of the project (from the proposal) will be posted on the Confluencenter website after funding is awarded. Photos of project activities may also be added. During the funding year, PI’s may be requested to present their findings and/or outcomes at one of the Confluencenter programs like Show & Tell @ Playground, Creative Collaborations, or the Annual Research Showcase.

11. Will a final report be required?

A final report must be submitted using the electronic form (click here) on the Confluencenter website within 30-days of project completion. PI’s may also receive email requests for updates during project implementation. Any external funding received as a result of Confluencenter’s seed funding must be reported to the Director of the Confluencenter.

12. What acknowledgements are required?

Award recipients must acknowledge Confluencenter support and display the center’s logo in/on any project related publicity or publications. We request that you share publicity and event information with our Communications and Events Coordinator.