**College of Arts and Sciences**

**College of Education and Human Ecology**

**Cross-College Seed Grant Program: 2016-2017 Academic Year**

During the 2016-2017 academic year, the Colleges of Education and Human Ecology (EHE) and Arts and Sciences (ASC) are jointly sponsoring a cross-college seed grant program to foster interdisciplinary research. The program is intended to build new and/or creative partnerships of interdisciplinary research across the colleges. An overview of these opportunities and application guidelines are described below.

**All applications are due October 3, 2016 (by 5PM) in the form of one single PDF file containing all of the application materials (as described below). Applications should be submitted electronically at** [**http://go.osu.edu/SeedGrants2016**](http://go.osu.edu/SeedGrants2015)**. Awardees will be informed by November 7, 2016 for the funding period of January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. A final report is expected within four weeks of completion of the project. Recipients will be invited to share their findings (or work in progress) at an ASC/EHE event. For questions, interested ASC faculty should contact Stephen Petrill (**[**Petrill.2@osu.edu**](mailto:Petrill.2@osu.edu)**). EHE faculty should contact Richard Lomax (**[**lomax.24@osu.edu**](mailto:lomax.24@osu.edu)**).**

**Seed Grant Program**

The Colleges of Arts and Sciences and Education and Human Ecology are sponsoring a cross-college seed grant program. This collaborative program is purposely general in nature in order to be as inclusive as possible of the varied research interests across the Colleges. Proposals must include faculty from each college and all supported personnel must be from EHE and ASC. There must be a Co-I from each college. The core principle of this program is to generate new and/or creative partnerships between ASC and EHE. Thus the proposed collaborative, integrative research can substantially advance knowledge across multiple disciplines. This program will provide support for researchers to collect preliminary data and then to prepare a competitive research proposal for submission to a federal agency or major foundation to secure funds for continuation of the research. Such outcomes of the investment are aligned with the ASC and EHE goals to promote original research and to build a better scholarly-based community.

To assist in the development of partnerships, here are links to departments and research centers.

Arts and Sciences Departments and Centers:

<http://artsandsciences.osu.edu/departments-centers>

Education and Human Ecology

Departments: Educational Studies (<http://ehe.osu.edu/educational-studies/>)

Human Sciences (<http://ehe.osu.edu/human-sciences/>)

Teaching and Learning (<http://tl.ehe.osu.edu/academic-programs>)

Centers: <http://ehe.osu.edu/about/centers/>

**Additional Eligibility Criteria**

Grants are not designed to support or supplement already-funded or ongoing research projects, but rather to support new investigations that break intellectual ground.

**Award Size and Use**

Awards will typically range from $10,000 to $20,000 (with a budget limit of $20K), although larger awards will be considered. Funds may not support Co-Investigator time, although they can be used to support costs for other personnel (see notes on page 4), travel for field work, consultation, and/or research materials. It is anticipated that three to five awards will be made.

**Proposal Guidelines**

Each proposal **must** include the following elements:

a. ASC/EHE Grant Program Cover Page (attached)

b. Narrative (six pages maximum, double spaced, #12 Times New Roman font) that includes the following:

* One paragraph lay summary/abstract (i.e., non-technical language)
* Brief overview of the problem to be addressed
* Primary research question(s) for investigation
* Working hypothesis
* Specific aim(s)
* Research design/work plan
* Anticipated challenges and strategies for resolution
* Strategy for future funding, including identification of specific programs with agencies or

foundations, which address the designated area of inquiry

c. References (complete citations; no page limit)

d. ASC/EHE Grant Program Budget Form (attached) and budget justification (two page limit)

e. Bio-sketches for all Co-Is, including publications over the past 5 years, as well as current and pending support. NIH, NSF, or IES bio-sketches are preferred.

**Evaluation**

The ASC and EHE Offices of Research Joint Review Committee will be composed of 6 faculty members drawn from ASC and EHE (three from each college). Committee members will have an established record of external research funding as well as service on proposal review committees and/or editorial boards of high impact journals. Proposals will be evaluated by the Review Committee, based on the following specific criteria: significance of problem, research plan (methodology), budget, personnel qualifications, development of a new and/or creative partnership, and strategy for future funding.

**ASC/EHE Grant Program Cover Page**

**Title of Project:**

**Co-Investigator #1 Name:**

Title:

Department:

Campus Address:

E-mail:

Campus Phone:

Signature of Dept. Chair:

**Co-Investigator #2 Name:**

Title:

Department:

Campus Address:

E-mail:

Campus Phone:

Signature of Dept. Chair:

(List additional Co-Investigators if necessary)

**ASC/EHE Grant Program Budget Form**

Budget Period: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

PERSONNEL

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Name or position | # months | Monthly stipend | Total |
| 1 |  |  |  |
| 2 |  |  |  |
| 3 |  |  |  |
| Name or position | Fringe benefit rate | Fringe benefit | Total |
| 1 |  |  |  |
| 2 |  |  |  |
| 3 |  |  |  |
| Personnel Total |  |  |  |

TRAVEL

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Units | Unit Cost | Total |
| 1 Mileage |  |  |  |
| 2 Per diem |  |  |  |
| 3 Other |  |  |  |
| Travel Total |  |  |  |

OTHER DIRECT COSTS

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Units | Unit Cost | Total |
| 1 |  |  |  |
| 2 |  |  |  |
| 3 |  |  |  |
| 4 |  |  |  |
| Other Direct Total |  |  |  |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | TOTAL REQUESTED | FUNDS |  |
| Cost Share | Source |  |  |
| 1 |  |  |  |
| 2 |  |  |  |
| 3 |  |  |  |

Notes:

1 – Attach a detailed budget justification for supportive information (2 page limit).

2 – Co-Investigator personnel wages and fringe benefits are NOT allowed. Only personnel costs for graduate research associates, undergraduate student workers, technicians, and/or research staff (other than the Co-Is) can be included in the budget.

3 – Any funds that are not spent by the project end date will revert back to their source. The unexpended funds cannot be carried beyond the project period, unless an extension is granted by the Associate Deans for Research.

4 – Cost sharing is appreciated, although not required.