College of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Research Internal Seed Funding Program

Application Deadline: February 1, 2020 at 5:00 pm
Award Notifications sent: March 1

The College of Behavioral and Social Sciences welcomes applications for the college’s first research seed grants. The seed grants are intended to support faculty as they prepare applications for external funding of projects. We particularly encourage early career faculty, as well as more senior faculty with limited success in obtaining grant funding to apply. We welcome proposals for the pursuit of quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods research projects and creative scholarship.

It is expected that an award will result in research, scholarship, creation of new work, exhibition or performance that will result in application for external funding. The applicant should include a detailed proposal plan (including names and web addresses of funding source, type of grant and submission deadlines, when available) as part of the application for the CBSS Internal Seed Funding Program.

Eligibility

● A permanent CBSS faculty member must be listed as a principal or co-investigator on the project.
● Students, temporary faculty, adjunct faculty, emeritus and honorary faculty are not eligible.
● Faculty who are no longer employed by Georgia Southern University at any time during the funding period will forfeit any unspent funds.
● A faculty member may only submit one proposal as a principal or co-investigator during funding cycle.
● The project should provide the basis for an external funding proposal.
● Qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods research projects and creative scholarship are eligible and welcome.
● Members of the CBSS Research Committee are not eligible to apply for funding, be listed as a principal or co-investigator, or write letters in support of other applicants.

Guidelines

● Proposed projects must be submitted for extramural funding within 12-months of the seed grant being awarded.
● Early career faculty or those with limited experience or success in grant submissions are particularly encouraged to apply.
Those who are first time primary investigators or have limited experience with the grant process must attend a workshop related to grant writing and submissions during the award period.

- Pilot studies, demonstration of feasibility, or proof of concept projects may be particularly suitable for the seed grant.
- Interdisciplinary proposals are highly encouraged provided the primary or co-investigator meets eligibility requirements. Further, the responsibilities of each team member must be described in detail and included with the application.
- Team-based efforts are encouraged, however, funding will be awarded to only one CBSS permanent faculty member for any collaborative project.
- A written application to the Institutional Review Board (IRB) must be made prior to the distribution of funds, as applicable. Funded work must not begin until IRB approval is obtained, if applicable.
- Awardees must agree to use the funding as described in the approved budget.
- Proposals which are incomplete, do not follow the application guidelines, or are received after the application deadline will not be reviewed.

**Application**

The funding application should be 5000 words or less (excluding budget, budget narrative, and CV) and include the following:

- Proposal abstract
  - 300 words or less
  - Purpose of the project, including research problem(s) and/or questions, and unique contributions to your field
  - Basic proposed project design
- Project description
  - Describe the project goals and purpose, intended research design or creative process, the broader impact of the project, support for the project’s appeal to the identified external funder(s), and how the project contributes to your research agenda.
- Anticipated outlet(s) for external funding
  - This should describe one or more specific sponsors, programs, grants, or other funding opportunities for which you intend to apply, using the outcomes of this project. Please include the name and web address of funding source, type of grant, and submission deadline, if available. The application for external funding must be completed within 12-months of your project being funded by the CBSS Seed Funding Program.
- Anticipated timeline for project completion
  - This should conclude with targeted submission for external funding, no more than 12-months from receipt of award.
- Budget (does not count toward 5000 word limit)
  - Itemized budget (up to $5,000)
- Detailed explanation/justification of budget
- Allowable budget items may include, but are not limited to, summer stipend, support for student assistants, travel to support project, procurement of secondary data, training relevant to project completion, and equipment and supplies required for the project.
- Per current funding parameters, allowable budget items are limited by Georgia Southern University policy.
  - Curriculum Vitae of applicant and 1 page abbreviated Curricula Vitae of any co-investigators (does not count toward 5000 word limit)

**Evaluation Criteria**

- Potential to enhance the research profile of the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Georgia Southern University, particularly in relation to extramural funding
- Project feasibility, including faculty expertise, timeline, budget, and other considerations
- Potential to contribute to the applicant’s professional development
- Potential for successful receipt of external funding
- Project’s originality and innovation of concept and/or approach
- Clarity and appropriateness of project description and budget justification
  - Note: To maximize funding opportunities, the committee may award partial funding of projects.
- Adherence to the application guidelines

**Application submission procedures:**
Submit complete application as a single PDF file email attachment to Brenda Blackwell, Associate Dean, Research and Faculty Affairs at bblackwell@georgiasouthern.edu.