Strategic Seed Grants – Community-Engaged Research and Creative Activity

The Office of the Provost is soliciting cross/multi/interdisciplinary research and creative activity proposals tied to the thematic areas of focus in the UNCG strategic plan: health and wellbeing, vibrant communities, and global connections. The grants are designed to help faculty engage in multidisciplinary endeavors in order to advance understanding of key <u>factors</u> related to these themes and/or <u>solutions</u> to some of the major challenges.

> *Health and Wellness*: Advancing understanding of factors contributing to or interfering with health and wellness or that address solutions to key health challenges
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> *Vibrant Communities*: Advancing understanding of factors that support or compromise vibrant communities or that address solutions to these key factors
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> *Global Connections*: Advancing understanding of cultural diversity, interaction and integration among peoples/entities/governments of different nationalities or solutions that address challenges of globalization

Key goals of the Community-Engaged Research and Creative Activity program is to bring faculty from different departments, colleges, schools, and centers together to conduct impactful community-engaged research and to situate work teams to develop large external grant proposals –– *particularly, as they align UNCG's scholarly talents, capacities, and trajectories with community priorities identified by members of Greensboro and/or the Piedmont Triad (PT) region.*

Proposals will be reviewed by a cross-disciplinary committee of faculty scholars and administrators whose work ties to one or more of the strategic plan themes. Reviewers will include at least one community representative.

Proposals must involve at least two distinct academic disciplines and meet UNCG's [definition](#) of community-engaged research (CER). Cross college/school collaborations are encouraged. Proposals involving two disciplines may apply for a maximum of $15,000. Proposals involving three or more disciplines may apply for a maximum award of $25,000.

Plans are to fund 2 to 3 CER projects. Work on projects must commence in Spring 2017 and funds should be expended by December 2018.

Eligibility: Full-time faculty and EHRA non-faculty researchers whose positions entail research/creative activity responsibilities are eligible to apply. Must entail a partnership with at least one community group or organization from the Greensboro/Piedmont Triad region.

Funding Priorities: In addition to a consideration of the qualifications of the team, preference will be given to proposals that:

- Are clearly aligned with one of the areas of focus in the strategic plan;
- Demonstrate the potential impact of the research/creative activity for the field;
- Demonstrate the potential to contribute to regional transformation related to area of focus;
- Use community-engaged scholarly approaches;
- Have the potential for generating external support; and
- Involve undergraduate and/or graduate students in the project.

Proposal Guidelines: Proposals should be no more than 6 pages in length, inclusive of budgets and timelines. Proposals should include the following:

- Title page (1 page) form attached
- Proposal description (maximum 3 pages, excluding references which are restricted to one page), single-spaced, 11- or 12-pt font size, and written in clear, jargon-free English. Proposal descriptions should include:
  a) Background information on which the proposal is based (with references)
  b) Importance of the proposed project's contribution to its field of study
  c) Project objectives
  d) Importance of the proposed project's contribution to the region
  e) Methods or activities required to carry out the research/creative work
  f) Significance of the expected project results for disciplinary *and* regional communities
  g) How the project will increase the principal investigator's potential for external funding, giving specific reference to external funding agencies and competitions that will be approached for funding.
- Budget and Budget Justification (1 page). Uses of funds are limited only in the sense that expenditures must be allowable under UNC Greensboro's policies and related to advancing the work.
- Project Timeline (1 page)
- Curriculum Vitae (3 pages maximum per investigator) including recent publications and all past external and internal research funding should also be included. CVs/bios do not count in the page limit.
- Letter of Commitment (1 page) from Community Partner(s) as project co-investigator including partner's understanding of and commitment to the project.

Expectations of Funded Research Teams:
- Teams must submit a one-page summary describing key findings by December 2018.

Submissions
- Download, complete and save the cover page within Adobe Reader. Submit completed proposal as a PDF no later than December 9, 2016 to rshopr@uncg.edu.
- Notice will be provided February 3, 2017.
- Questions about the grant may be directed to Dr. Terri Shelton, Vice Chancellor for Research & Economic Development, shelton@uncg.edu, 336-256-0232.

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Title of project: _____

Principal investigators*
[*Note: Place an asterisk next to the name of the PI serving as the primary point of contact.*]

Name (1): _____
Current rank: _____ Email address: _____
Campus address: _____
Current position:

Name (2): _____
Current rank: _____ Email address: _____
Campus address: _____
Current position:

Project addresses the following strategic plan themes (check all that apply):
      Health and Wellbeing
      Vibrant Communities
      Global Connections

Signatures*

PI [1]

_____   _____
Applicant name (print)   Signature & date

_____   _____
Department head or equivalent name (or designee)   Signature & date

_____   _____
Dean or equivalent name (or designee)   Signature & date

PI [2]

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Applicant name (print)   Signature & date

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Department head or equivalent name (or designee)   Signature & date

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Dean or equivalent name (or designee)   Signature & date

*If you have more than two PIs, please attach a page listing additional PIs. For each additional PI listed, please include: 1) current rank, 2) email address, 3) campus address, 4) current position, 5) their signature with date, the signature of their department head (or equivalent/designee) with date, and 7) the signature of their dean (or equivalent/designee) with date.