

Questions and Answers for the FDU Intramural Grant Programs

General Questions regarding Intramural Funding Opportunities

1. What intramural grant opportunities are available under the aegis of the University Provost's Office?

There are currently three intramural grant programs offered by the University Provost.

- The *University Provost Seed Grant Program* announced in December for a Spring submission, and funding provided consistent with the University's academic year July 1 through June 30. *See Q&A #4 for further details.*
- The *Collaborative Grants in Sustainability Program for the Arts & Sciences*. This inaugural competition will be announced in late October 2019 for a late January deadline, and funding provided consistent with the University's academic year July 1 through June 30.
- The *Collaborative Grants in Sustainability Program for Silberman College of Business, Petrocelli College of Continuing Studies, and Independent Professional Schools*. This inaugural competition will be announced in late October 2019 for a late January deadline, and funding provided consistent with the University's academic year July 1 through June 30.

2. Are there other intramural grant opportunities?

Yes. There may be decentralized grant-in-aid programs offered by your College. Please inquire with your Dean's office regarding these programs, regulations and deadlines.

3. What is the purpose of the Collaborative Grants in Sustainability (Collaborative Grants) programs offered by the University Provost's Office?

The Collaborative Grants in Sustainability Programs provide a unique opportunity for FDU faculty to collaborate with one or more colleagues, particularly:

- Within the A&S at an FDU campus other than the PI's own campus, in order to develop a proposal in fundamental, applied research or pedagogical research as defined in the Program Guidelines.
- Across the Silberman College of Business, Petrocelli College of Continuing Studies, and Independent Professional Schools in order to develop a proposal in fundamental, applied research or pedagogical research as defined in the Program Guidelines.

4. What makes the Collaborative Grant Programs in Sustainability program different from the University Provost Seed Grant program?

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The primary impetus for the Collaborative Grants in Sustainability in Arts & Sciences program are two-fold. The first is to promote the concept of Sustainability, the second is to promote collaboration across campuses and disciplines for the A&S, and advance multi-disciplinary activities across Colleges and Professional Schools. Faculty are encouraged to engage in intellectual exchange, promote research and advance early proof of concept ideas from an early University-sponsored grant into an actionable extramural grant proposals.

5. **How does the Collaborative Grant program compare with the University Provost (UP) Seed Program?**

The University Provost Seed Program

- The UP Seed program requires the PI to work with an external mentor toward advancing the applicant's research career to independence.
- The UP Seed proposal may or may not involve a collaborating FDU faculty member, and there are no requirements for cross-campus collaboration, although the latter is not discouraged.
- The UP Seed program provides for a one-year award of \$3,000 for project costs and \$3,000 for the mentor. Project costs cannot be used to compensate FDU faculty. Inclusion of a student research experience is encouraged. Up to five proposals may be funded each year. *Please refer to the UP Seed Grant Guidelines for further details.*
- Faculty participants/awardees are expected to seek extramural grant support based on findings and within a realistic timeframe.

The Collaborative Grant Programs

- The Collaborative Grants Programs must be conceptualized with an *emphasis on Sustainability* in the broadest terms.
- The Collaborative Grant Programs applicants *must* collaborate with other FDU faculty across campuses for the A&S opportunity, and across FDU's Professional/Independent Schools in Silberman and Petrocelli Colleges and Independent Schools for this latter opportunity
- The Collaborative Grant Programs require that faculty present their experience and findings at an FDU-hosted research forum.
- The Collaborative Grant Programs provide for a one-year award of \$5,000 for project costs to be shared amongst FDU colleagues and non-personnel costs. Funds are permitted to summer compensation up to the maximum of \$2,000 but no more than \$1,000 per investigator), but *cannot* be used for external

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consultants/collaborators. Two to three proposals are expected to be funded for the inaugural year and program continuation based on program success and available funding. *Please refer to the Guidelines 'Funding' for further details.*

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6. Who do I contact to find out more about the program and if I should apply?

Guidelines have been developed and disseminated for this program, and are to be carefully reviewed prior to applying. You may also contact the Director of the GSP with any additional questions.

Eligibility

7. Who is eligible to apply?

FDU tenure and tenure-track faculty are eligible to apply and may be named as a PI or Co-PI on a Collaborative Grant proposal.

8. Can non-tenure track faculty apply?

Lecturers, clinical faculty, adjunct faculty are *eligible* to participate in a consultancy or advisory capacity but are *not eligible* to serve as a Principal Investigator (PI) or Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI) on the proposal.

Evaluation

9. Who will review proposals?

Proposal review is a two-tiered process. The 1st Tier review will be conducted by senior faculty at FDU who are best versed in the applicant's discipline. Each reviewer will develop a written critique. The 2nd Tier Review will consist of a committee including select members of the APRC who will review the critiques, and meet with the University Provost to discuss the proposals, and recommend two to three that are most meritorious for funding.

10. Will a critique of my proposal be made available?

Yes. Reviewer critiques will be made available at the time of funding notification.

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Funding

11. When will the awarded proposal commence?

Funding will commence on May 1, 2020 for a 12-month period. Extension in time will not be permitted.

12. Will the grant expenditures be monitored?

Yes, all intramural proposals are monitored by the Grants and Sponsored Projects (GSP) Office. That means that all personnel and non-personnel transactions must remain consistent with your approved budget, and must be prepared and presented to the GSP for review and authorization prior to submission to Payroll and/or Finance for payment.

13. Can funds be spent on items not identified on the approved budget?

Yes. However, any modifications from the approved budget must be submitted in writing via email with a justification for the change to the Director of GSP for review. Your modifications must be reviewed and approval *prior to* obligation of funds.

Extramural Funding

14. What types of extramural proposals will lead to investigator independence?

There are extramural sponsoring agencies that support early career and research opportunities. You are encouraged to reach out to experienced faculty both within and external to the FDU guidance, as well as the Grants and Sponsored Projects (GSP) Director for recommendations.