

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 announcement is released in December for a February submission, with funding provided for one academic year beginning July 1st. They are:

- *The University Provost Seed Grant Program*
- *The Collaborative Grants in Sustainability Program for the Arts & Sciences*
- *The Collaborative Grants in Sustainability Program for Silberman College of Business and Independent Professional Schools.*

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 Seed Grant Program offered by the University Provost?**

The University Provost Seed Grant Program provides a unique opportunity for FDU faculty to advance toward research independence under the advisement of an external faculty mentor of research prominence, i.e., an individual well published in the discipline of interest and who has achieved extramural research support from notable agencies sponsors, such as NIH or NSF.

4. **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 alternatively provide a unique opportunity for FDU faculty to collaborate with one or more FDU 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, and Independent Professional Schools in order to develop a proposal in fundamental, applied research or pedagogical research as defined in the Program Guidelines.

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

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.

6. 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 advancement 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 contingent upon the availability of funding appropriations. *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 Independent Schools for this latter opportunity.
- The Collaborative Grant Programs require that faculty present their experience and findings at an FDU-hosted research forum.

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- 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 for summer compensation up to the maximum of \$2,000 but no more than \$1,000 per investigator), but *cannot* be used for external consultants/collaborators. Two to three proposals are expected to be funded based on program success and available funding appropriations. *Please refer to the Guidelines 'Funding' for further details.*
- Faculty participants/awardees are expected to seek extramural grant support based on findings and within a realistic timeframe.

7. 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

8. 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.

9. 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

10. Who will review proposals?

Proposal review is a two-tiered process. Peer review will be conducted by select faculty at FDU who are best versed in the applicant's discipline. A peer-review critique will be made available to each applicant. Final recommendations of merit are made by the University Provost with final funding determinations contingent upon authorized funding appropriations.

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

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

Funding

12. When will the awarded proposal commence?

Funding will commence on July 1st for a 12-month duration. An extension-in-time will not be authorized.

13. 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 be consistent with your approved budget and University policies and practices. All personnel costs and expenditure requests must be prepared and presented to the GSP for review and authorization prior to submission to Payroll and/or Finance for payment.

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

Yes. However, any modifications from the approved budget must first 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

15. 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 FDU for guidance, as well as the Grants and Sponsored Projects (GSP) Director for recommendations.