Interdisciplinary Research & Innovation Seed (IRIS) Grant Program

Building Collaborations Across
College of Arts and Sciences & College of Nursing

Purpose

The College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) in partnership with College of Nursing and the Graduate School is pleased to support seed funding to an interdisciplinary team to develop a project that will lead to influential and visible research, scholarship, or creative activities. Funds permitting, we will award at least one grant of up to $10,000. Project activities must take place between January 1 – December 31, 2020.

Proposals must be interdisciplinary and include at least one CAS and one College of Nursing faculty member. The highest priority will be to support research that bridges the two colleges' research strengths and will lead to external grant applications, prestigious fellowships, and/or to exhibitions of creative work with national or international visibility by July 1, 2021. Priority will also be given to teams who incorporate a graduate student in the project.

Eligibility

Teams must be comprised of at least one CAS and one College of Nursing faculty member. Additional collaborators from either college or additional non-CAS/ non-College of Nursing investigators are welcome. Eligibility is limited to faculty who have research, scholarship, or creative activity as part of their job requirements. Applicants should not submit the same proposal to more than one IRIS seed grant opportunity.

Budget

Teams who wish to budget salary for a one-semester RA will be eligible to receive a tuition waiver from the Graduate School. The student must be at the doctoral level and actively participate in the project. Departments where the RA stipend and benefits exceed $10,000 per semester will need to obtain the remaining funds from their departments/ units. If the RA stipend exceeds $10,000, please have the Chair or Director write a brief letter acknowledging and agreeing to the cost share. The student's salary must be supported by the IRIS grant funds and, if applicable, the unit's cost match. Teams selected for funding must contact the Graduate School area finance officer (Adam Williams) for instructions on processing the waiver at least one month before the start of the semester in which the waiver is to be applied.

Proposal Description, Format, and Application Components

- ☐ The seed grant coversheet
- ☐ A maximum 3-page (11pt Times New Roman, single spaced, 1" margins) description of the research, scholarly, creative, or team building project to be completed during the support period which includes:
  - ☐ A project description.
  - ☐ An explanation of the interdisciplinary nature of the project and why the project will benefit from an interdisciplinary team.
  - ☐ The team's plan for obtaining extramural grant or fellowship funding.
  - ☐ A statement identifying the graduate student participant and how they will interact and work with the team members.
  - ☐ A budget and budget justification. [Requests for faculty and student salary funds must include benefit costs.]

Submission Instructions:

Please submit proposals to cas.gfs@wsu.edu by November 1, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Courtney Meehan, Associate Dean of Research and Graduate Studies at cmeehan@wsu.edu.