2021-22 Seed Grant Program Announcement

The Center for Research and Engagement in Diversity (RED), a program of the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, has as its mission to engage in diversity research and outreach in order to enhance individual, institutional, and community learning, effectiveness, and well-being. RED supports diversity scholarship and outreach through the RED Workshop, a regular on-campus meeting of diversity researchers and students used to initiate new collaborations and to mentor and to network. The Center also supports Project RED, an outreach program of contracted research, workshops, and group facilitation available to organizations, school districts, and communities.

The overarching goals of RED are to:

- Stimulate programs of fundable interdisciplinary diversity research
- Serve the diversity-related research needs of the larger community through engaged scholarship and outreach
- Support the development of the next generation of diverse and socially engaged scholars

In support of these goals, RED is pleased to offer seed grants to graduate students in the Franklin College who are pursuing diversity research. These grants are to be used to extend or initiate new lines of research, scholarship, and creative activity that will expand knowledge about the experiences, needs, strengths, and/or virtues of domestic populations that are historically and socially stigmatized and marginalized (e.g., people of color, sexual minorities, women, disabled persons). Applications targeting populations at the intersections of different dimensions of minority identities are also encouraged.

Priority will be given to seed grant applications that clearly and directly state the applied implications of the proposed research. The involvement of undergraduate students (when feasible) is also encouraged.

It is expected that 5 grants will be awarded of approximately $300.00 to $500.00 each. These grants can be used to purchase software, provide an honorarium to research participants, cover the costs of research materials, etc. Please note that these grants cannot be used for travel, nor for paying university employees for research participation. Funds will only be released after the investigator has provided documentation of approval by the UGA Institutional Review Board’s Human Subjects Office (if appropriate). All funds awarded must be spent by the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2022.

Applications are due by 5 PM, Monday, May 17, 2021

Completed applications and supporting documents should be emailed to:

Sherry Gray at swgray@uga.edu
# 2021-22 Seed Grant Program Application

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All of the requirements below must be met before an application may be fully considered for a seed grant.

- PLEASE ATTACH AND SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING WITH YOUR APPLICATION -

  (check items below)

- A 3-4 page, double-spaced, abstract of the research to be investigated. This abstract must include:
  a. An introduction and rationale of the topic to be investigated
  b. A discussion of the methodology to be used
  c. A statement regarding how the (domestic) minority population to be studied is significant to the advancement of this line of research
  d. A statement regarding how the minority community studied will benefit from the proposed study
  e. A statement identifying the undergraduate student(s) to participate in the proposed research, or the mechanism to be used to recruit an undergraduate team member
  f. A statement, that, if funded, the student will deliver a brief presentation of his or her findings at the conclusion of the award period

- A brief letter of support from the faculty member who will serve as the research supervisor

- A brief budget that includes how funds will be used, with a statement of justification for each item (again, unfortunately funds cannot be used to fund any travel).
If your research is funded by a Seed Grant, you will be asked to submit the following:

1. A detailed expense report that includes receipts for incurred expenses for reimbursement

2. An interim one to two-page report (6 months after the award) of research activities and use of seed grant funds

3. A final three to five-page report (12 months after the award) of how funds were used, research findings, and implications

4. All publications and presentations resulting from this program should acknowledge the support of the Center for Research and Engagement in Diversity (RED) Seed Grant Program (funded by UGA President’s Venture Fund, the American Psychological Association, and The Franklin College of Arts and Sciences).