The Cincinnati Project Scholar Awards
Request for Proposals

Purpose

The Cincinnati Project (TCP) was established to harness the expertise and resources of Arts and Sciences faculty and students, Cincinnati community members, non-profits, governments and agencies to conduct social research that will directly benefit the community. The specific topic areas are less important than the requirement that research efforts are focused on improving the lives of disadvantaged communities, and supporting the agencies that serve disadvantaged people, in the Cincinnati metropolitan area. Visit our website at thecincyproject.org to learn more.

The Cincinnati Project is delighted to request proposals for the third year of TCP Scholars. **This year's scholars will be graduate students.** The Scholars receive grants to pursue collaborative community research or translational research. We currently have funding for up to four awards totaling $6000. We are grateful to the Graduate School and the Black Faculty Association for funding.

Collaborative Community Research is built with an equitable collaboration between academic and community partners. Unlike more traditional research models in which faculty members create research questions, design data collection protocols, analyze and interpret data, and disseminate results, collaborative community research reflects shared decision-making by both academic and community partners throughout the research process.

Translational Research projects investigate real world research questions related to equity in local communities. Although Translational Research Scholars may not collaborate directly with community partners, applicants must clearly describe how their work will directly benefit the local community.

We encourage graduate students interested in community-engaged work to consider enrolling in PSYC7006 in the Spring, a collaborative seminar with Drs. Carlie Trott & Farrah Jacquez. In this course, graduate students with active research projects in and with communities will co-learn in a peer supervision model.

Submission Guidelines

Proposals should be emailed to Curtis Webb (webbcu@mail.uc.edu) as a single PDF document by 5pm on Monday, September 17, 2018. Please use single spacing, a minimum 12-pt font, and a minimum 1" margin.

Please include the following:

(1) Project description (3-page maximum):
   - State the activity for which you are requesting funding and explain how the research project aligns with TCP's goals.
   - Provide details of the aims, methods, analysis, and expected outcomes of the proposed research.
     o Describe the proposed partnership and how the community partner will be engaged to accomplish the proposed goals.
     o Describe how the proposed project benefits a disadvantaged Cincinnati community or group.
     o If available, provide prior evidence of the feasibility of the project.
   - Describe the strengths of the applicant and of the partnering organization for achieving the aims of the project.
   - Describe your plans for dissemination.
(2) Budget, budget justification, and timeline of activities
(3) Letter of support from the community partner required for proposals with a defined community partner
(4) Current CV from applicant
(5) Letter of support from a faculty advisor, submitted separately

Proposal Evaluation

The Cincinnati Project directors will review and evaluate all proposals. Awards will be made dependent on funding. We expect that awards will be announced by October 1, 2018. Proposals will be evaluated using the follow criteria:
   - Feasibility of proposed objectives and outcomes
   - Potential for positive community impact
   - Potential for student development and research experience
   - Reasonable justification of budget
   - Overall quality of the application
   - Preference will be given to projects that support the scholar's professional development

Additional Information
- Eligibility: Any College of Arts & Sciences graduate students
- Individuals may request up to a maximum of $2,000. Strong applications will include reasonable budget justification.
- The number of awards will depend on the amount awarded to each TCP Scholar and available funding.

Additional Requirements and Conditions
- Funds must be expended no later than June 30, 2019.
- All budget items are subject to UC guidelines.
- Funds cannot be used to pay scholars themselves.
- Awardees must agree to share research on The Cincinnati Project website and at The Cincinnati Project symposium.
- Proposals may be approved for funding, but the requested budget may be revised according to available funds.
- Awardees must submit at 3-page report one year after award date. The report should include a description of research activities, a summary of how funds were expended to date, and a description of progress toward proposed goals and outcomes.

Questions
Please direct questions to Curtis Webb (webbcu@mail.uc.edu) or Jennifer Malat (Jennifer.Malat@uc.edu).