



COLLEGE of ARTS & SCIENCES

2022 Collaborative Pilot Research Grant

Eligibility

The project PI must be a full-time CAS faculty member and at least one other full-time CAS faculty member must also be included on the project. Non-CAS faculty may be included on the team as well. Faculty are eligible to serve as PI on a pilot project funded by this program no more than once every three years.

Project period and deadlines

The deadline for applications is **Monday, January 17 at 5PM**. Projects will typically be granted for a one-year period. We anticipate making a funding decision by March 1.

Application

Applications will consist of an application page (see attached) and the following:

Title and Description of research to be conducted, not to exceed 5 pages and to include:

- A summary of project aims (up to ½ page)
- Background and significance of the research question
- Brief summary of the qualifications of the research team that are of specific relevance for the proposed project
- Methods and expected outcomes
- Timeline

Additional required materials (not included in page limits above):

- References cited in the research description
- CV or biosketch for each participating investigator
- Detailed and well-justified description of how, if successful, the project is likely to lead to a successful application for external funding within 2 years of completion, including reference to specific funders, funding opportunities, and mechanisms when relevant (1 page max)
- Itemized budget of project expenses of up to \$40,000
- Budget justification

Review criteria

- Qualifications of the PI and the research team to conduct the research
- Scientific merit: Significance of the research; Soundness of methods; Overall feasibility of the proposed timeframe
- Likelihood of leading to an application for significant (\geq \$250,000) external funding within 2 years of project completion

Review process

The Associate Dean of Research will solicit reviews by subject matter experts who will provide written evaluations of the proposal and funding recommendations. Based on these reviews, the Associate Dean will make a funding recommendation to the Dean who will make the final funding decision. We expect to fund one proposal per year.

No funds will be disbursed for human subjects or animal research until IRB or IACUC approval has been granted, as relevant.

Applications must be submitted electronically as a **single file** (PDF or Word), starting with the application form, to the Associate Dean of Research at blankens@american.edu and cc'ed to casresearch@american.edu.

Application for 2022 Collaborative Pilot Research Grant
Due at 5PM, 17-January-2022

Project/Title _____

PI Name _____ Department _____

Co-PI Name _____ Department _____

(if applicable)

Co-Investigator Name _____ Department _____

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Applications should not exceed 5 pages; and should be on standard letter paper size with at least one-half inch margins on all sides, and font size 11 pts or larger

Application Checklist (total 5 pages)

- Project aims (1/2 page limit)**
- Background and significance**
- Qualifications of research team**
- Methods**
- Expected Outcomes**
- Timeline**

Additional Materials

- References**
- CV/Biosketch for each PI, Co-PI, Co-I**
- Description of how project likely to lead to future external funding (max 1 page)**
- Itemized budget not to exceed \$40,000**
- Budget Justification**

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Please submit completed form and all application materials to the Associate Dean of Research at blankens@american.edu with a CC to casresearch@american.edu by 5pm January 17th, 2022.