SUNY Research Seed Grant Program

Access to currently available RFP materials is provided at www.oldwestbury.edu/research. Application due date: February 21, 2020.

The SUNY Office of Research and Economic Development has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the SUNY Research Seed Grant Program. The goals of this program are to catalyze and support SUNY faculty in the pursuit of external grants in strategic priority areas which include, in brief: 1. Artificial Intelligence and AI applications; 2. Next-generation computing and communication; 3. Clean energy; 4. Biomedical research; 5. Aging research; 6. Substance addiction; 7. Environmental health and medicine; and, 8. Resilient communities and critical infrastructure. For details on these priority areas, please see the RFP.

Proposals are invited under the following three tracks:

- Track 1 - Center-Scale Proposal Planning and Development Program ($50,000).
- Track 2 – Multidisciplinary Small Team Awards ($10,000 per faculty member; up to $40,000).
- Track 3 – NIH Resubmission Support Awards ($15,000).

Small Research Grant Program, National Institutes of Health (NIH)

URL: https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/contacts/parent-R03-CT-NotAllowed.html
Application due dates: February 16, June 16 and October 16, 2020

The NIH Small Research Grant Program (a.k.a. R03 mechanism) supports discrete, well-defined projects that realistically can be completed in two years and that require limited levels of funding. Funding limit: $50,000/year Direct Costs. This program supports different types of investigator-initiated projects including, but not limited to: Pilot or feasibility studies; Secondary analysis of existing data; Small, self-contained research projects; Development of research methodology; and, Development of new research technology. Participating institutes include: National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI), National Institute on Aging (NIA), National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB), National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS).

The R03 grant mechanism is also used by other Institutes of the NIH, but only when the application is prepared in response to a specific Request for Applications issued by the Institute.

Support of Competitive Research (SCORE) Pilot Project Award

National Institutes of General Medical Sciences


The SCORE Program is designed to increase the research competitiveness of faculty and the research base at institutions with an explicitly stated historical mission and/or a demonstrated track record of training and graduating students from backgrounds underrepresented in biomedical research. Pilot Project Award (SC2 mechanism) allows junior investigators who are in the early stages of an academic career and who have not had independent research support, to test a new idea or gather preliminary data to establish a new line of research. Guidance from productive, established, and well-funded U.S. scientist(s) in the proposed field of research is required. The advisor should be an established, NIH-funded investigator in the proposed research area.

Small Research Grants in Education, Spencer Foundation

URL: https://www.spencer.org/grant_types/small-research-grant
Application due date: March 3, 2020 (11: a.m. Eastern Time)

The Small Research Grants Program supports education research projects that will contribute to the improvement of education, broadly conceived, with budgets up to $50,000 for projects ranging from one to five years. This program is “field-initiated” in that proposal submissions are not in response to a specific request for a particular research topic, discipline, design, method, or location.
Social Science Research Programs, The Russell Sage Foundation

URL: http://www.russellsage.org/research/categories/requests-proposals


The Russell Sage Foundation (RSF) is dedicated to programs of social science research. Applications should limit budget requests to a maximum of $175,000 (including overhead at 15%) over no more than a two-year period. Requests up to $35,000 (known as Presidential Grants) cannot include indirect costs, and may be increased to $50,000 when the proposed project has special needs for gathering data. Proposal submissions are by invitation only, following submission of a letter of inquiry. The deadlines cited above are relevant to the Foundation’s core research programs in Behavioral Economics; Race, Ethnicity and Immigration; Social, Political and Economic Inequality; and, Immigration and Immigrant Integration.

The Foundation also offers a Visiting Scholars Program, which provides an opportunity for select scholars in the social, economic and behavioral sciences to pursue their research and writing while in residence at the Foundation’s headquarters in New York. This is a valuable sabbatical opportunity in which scholars are provided with an office, research assistance, computer and library facilities, and salary support of up to 50 percent of their academic year salary. Information concerning the Visiting Scholars Program can be found at https://www.russellsage.org/how-to-apply/visiting-scholars-program.

2019-20 Faculty Development Grant Award Recipients

Congratulations to recipients of Faculty Development Grant awards for the 2019-2020 academic year. A total of $47,875 was awarded in support of 14 projects this year, a 15% increase in financial support over last year.

- Ozgur Akgun, American Studies
  “What You See Is What I See: An Interactive Documentary Project”

- Tejas Boukals, Biological Sciences
  “Investigation of the Novel Multidrug-resistant Pathogen, Candida auris”

- Maria Zulema Cabail, Biological Sciences
  “Obesity-Associated Metabolic Inflammation: NF-kb Cellular Pathway and its Role in Modulating Autophagy”

- Laura Chiplcy, American Studies
  “The Appalachian Mountaintop Patrol: Interactive Documentary”

- Jacqueline Emory, English
  “Recovering Charlotte Perkins Gilman”

- Curtis Holland, Sociology
  “Class, Gender, and Political Opportunism in post-Brexit Northern Ireland”

- Manya Dhar Mascareno, Biological Sciences
  “Hexim 1: A Mediator of Inflammatory Response to Trypanosoma cruzi”

- Fernando Nieto, Biological Sciences
  “Changes in Soil Microbiome Composition Following Soil and Vegetational Gradients in a Deciduous Forest”

- Jillian Nissen, Biological Sciences
  “Investigating the Role of Nrp1 in Mediating the Differential Activity of Male and Female Microglial Cells”

- Sarah Smith, Public Health
  “Migration, Citizenship Status, and ‘Home’: Micronesian Negotiating Blended Status Households”

- Sara Williamson, Management, Marketing and Finance
  “Impacts of Consumer Psychology on Product Perceptions and Use”

Collaborative Awards

- Manya Dhar Mascareno, Biological Sciences, and Kinning Poon, Biological Sciences
  “The Effect of Hexim 1 on the Proliferation Rate of Hypothalamic Peptide Neurons Involved in Dietary Fat Intake”

- Erin Tools, Psychology, and Runi Mukherji, Psychology
  “Getting to Know You II – Exploring Non-Traditional College Students’ Assets and Barriers”

- Gilda Zwerman, Sociology, and Hyewon Yi, Visual Arts
  “Once a Ghetto: A History of Resiliency, Rebellion, and Revitalization in Brownsville, Brooklyn”

The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs serves the College at Old Westbury in the dual roles of promoting grant-supported scholarly activity and assisting in the administration and management of sponsored programs. Consequently, the Office reports to both the Office of Academic Affairs and the Division of Business & Finance.

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