Presidential Research Fund on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

The President's Office, in collaboration with the Provost's Office and Office of Research and Economic Development announces a funding opportunity intended to seed new research and creative activity in issues related to diversity, equity, and inclusion, especially in relation to the University of Idaho, its community, and its history.

We invite proposals to further the development of research, scholarly, and creative activities across all disciplines that pertain to these focus areas. We are most interested in project ideas that will allow meaningful work that contributes to developing new research opportunities and new collaborations related to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Total funding for this grant program is anticipated to be approximately $24,000, with funding shared by the offices of the President, Provost, and VPRED.

FOCUS AREAS:
This RFP seeks proposals in two distinct focus areas. Applicants should clearly indicate which focus area their proposal addresses.
1. **History and culture of the University of Idaho and surrounding communities and region from diverse, under-represented perspectives**
    • Focus on small grants to enable scholarship related to the University of Idaho and its history
    • Grants ranging from $1000 to $10,000; no faculty salary allowed
    • Anticipate 1-2 grants
2. **Criminal justice reform related to the treatment of people and communities of color, especially in the context of Idaho and the surrounding region**
    • Intended to fund seed projects that will enable proposals for competitive external grants – applicants must indicate specific grant opportunities
    • Grants ranging from $1,000 to $10,000; no faculty salary allowed
    • Anticipate 1-2 grants

ELIGIBILITY AND RESTRICTIONS
• The lead PI must be a full-time faculty member at the University of Idaho (at any location).
• Co-PIs can be academic faculty, research faculty, post-doctoral fellows, or PhD students.
• Awards will be made for a period of 12 months with a 15 December start date (which is negotiable)

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION
Proposals are due to ORED by 5:00 pm PT on October 15, 2020. The entire application package should be combined into a single PDF and sent to vpresearch@uidaho.edu with the term *Presidential Diversity Research Initiative* in the subject line.

INSTRUCTIONS
Use single spacing, one-inch margins, and a font size of 12 pt. Do not include extra materials. The literature cited section is to be included within the three-page narrative. Proposals that do not follow these guidelines will be returned without review.

PROPOSAL COMPONENTS
1) <u>Cover Sheet</u> (1 page): Complete the cover sheet.
2) <u>Narrative</u> (3 pages maximum, including citations): Please provide the following information:
- Project overview and objective;
- Description of the expected outcomes as they pertain to the field of equity, diversity, and inclusion
- Description of outcomes/products produced during the proposed funding activities.

3) <u>Budget Template</u>: Complete the provided budget template. Funds may be used for travel, student support, equipment, and supplies. **PI salary is not allowed**.
4) <u>Equipment Quote</u>: Include if requesting equipment.

EVALUATION
Applicants are strongly encouraged to write for a non-technical audience. The VP for Research and Economic Development will make the final funding decisions.

AWARD CONDITIONS
- Awards are made for a period of 12 months. ORED's Fiscal Operations unit will notify the PI and their departmental grant administrators when their award index has been set up.
- Funds must be spent in accordance with the proposed budget. Deviations from the proposed budget plan or scope of work must be requested via email to ORED-FISCALOPS@uidaho.edu with clear justification.
- Funds remaining at the end of the 12-month award period will be returned to ORED.
- All purchases must be made within the award period.
- All equipment purchases, upgrades, repairs, or improvements vest with the University of Idaho.
- Ownership of any and all intellectual property created through the use of these funds shall be determined as defined in UI Faculty Staff Handbook 5300.
- If the proposed project involves regulated activities (e.g., Human Subjects, Animals, Biohazards, Drones), the PI will need to produce the appropriate assurances before a grant is funded.

DELIVERABLES
Two reports are required following the end of the award period: 1) a project close-out report, describing any publications, presentations, grant submissions, and student involvement that were enabled by the award, which is due within 30 days after the funding ends; and 2) a final report detailing further publications, presentations, proposal submissions, and other research and/or creative products. The final report should be provided within 1 year of project close.