



## Faculty Seed Grant Program

### **Overview and Purpose:**

The Owens Institute for Behavioral Research (OIBR) is seeking applications for faculty seed grant projects in the areas of social and behavioral science. **All faculty in the Social and Behavioral Sciences are encouraged to apply, but OIBR will give preference to proposals from faculty who are fellows, affiliates, or grantsmanship development program participants of OIBR.** In line with the mission of OIBR, projects must demonstrate a commitment to transdisciplinary research. The proposed project must be led by a faculty member from UGA but can include faculty collaborators from other institutions. The proposed project must demonstrate a path for future funding opportunities to be supported by the OIBR in the next 1-2 years. All seed grants will be administered by OIBR. Subsequent grants related to the seed grant award must also be submitted through and administered by OIBR.

### **Application Guidelines:**

**Deadline:** September 29, 2017

**Notification Date:** November 1, 2017

**Submission requirements/instructions:** Project description of up to 5 single-spaced pages (all-inclusive), plus submission form (see attached) and a one-page estimated project budget listing main expense categories, dollar amounts, and brief justification for use of funds. Project description should include: Brief summary/abstract of project including intended application of findings; Project narrative, including specific aims and expected outcomes; Brief background and significance including a justification explaining: 1) how the proposed project contributes to the field of social and behavioral science; 2) researcher qualifications/training, including prior work related to the topic/project and capacity to carry-out the project; and 3) a brief description of research design and methods. Applicants must also specify any targeted grant submissions (agency, mechanism, PA) that will result from the seed grant project if funded. Applicants are expected to submit the proposal resulting from the seed grant project through OIBR.

Faculty seed grant projects are small in size and scope. We expect budget proposals to not exceed **\$10,000**. Budgets are subject to reduction based on the recommendation of the reviewers. All funds must be spent on or before June 15<sup>th</sup> of the current fiscal year. These projects may be expansions of existing projects aimed at further developing methods or hypotheses or small stand-alone projects. All funded seed grant projects must be directly related to the submission of a federal grant application (e.g., R01, R03, R21, NSF grants, CDC, Dept. of Defense), either as preliminary data or as evidence of a track record of publishing in the area related to a planned grant submission.

### **Review Criteria and Process:**

Applications will be peer-reviewed by an interdisciplinary ad hoc OIBR committee using the following criteria: 1) summary of the research proposal, 2) clarity of specific aims, 3) scientific rigor, 4) contribution to overall relevance of social and behavioral science research, 5) investigator(s) and interdisciplinary nature of the research, and 6) potential for future funding at the federal level. All seed grants will be administered by OIBR. Examples of acceptable uses of seed grant funds are: payment of participant incentives; purchase of small datasets to conduct data analyses; data collection costs (which may include travel if necessary). Financial support for students is limited and will be evaluated in relation to the proposed use of funds. Any equipment purchased with seed grant funds will be returned to OIBR upon completion of the project. Examples of unacceptable uses of seed grant funds are: faculty salary (either summer or academic). Grantees are also required to submit a program summary no later than July 31st describing how the seed grants were used, as well as the outcomes of the project, including plans for future grant submissions through OIBR.

Questions about allowable expenses not listed here or any other facet of the faculty seed grant program should be directed to Phaedra Corso, Associate Director of OIBR ([pcorso@uga.edu](mailto:pcorso@uga.edu)). Completed applications should be electronically submitted to Assistant Director of OIBR, Kimberly Cherewick ([ksilvis@uga.edu](mailto:ksilvis@uga.edu)).