INSTITUTE OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL CHANGE (IHDSC)

IHDSC SPRING 2014 SEED AWARDS
TO SUPPORT INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: Tuesday, December 10\textsuperscript{th}, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

The Institute of Human Development and Social Change (IHDSC) is pleased to announce our ninth call for applications for “seed” support for faculty members to jumpstart new programs of multidisciplinary research. The University recognizes that scholars who take up the challenge of conducting interdisciplinary research often need support to conduct preliminary research before they can develop larger proposals for funding. As such, IHDSC is committed to supporting junior and senior faculty by providing them with funding for new projects that bridge multiple domains of expertise, while furthering the mission of IHDSC.

IHDSC’s mission is to stimulate research on children, youth, and families in the context of a rapidly changing social world. IHDSC aims to break new intellectual ground through its support for rigorous, interdisciplinary research and training across social, behavioral, educational, policy, and health sciences by bringing together faculty and students from New York University’s Faculty of Arts and Science, the Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development, and the Wagner Graduate School of Public Service.

IHDSC Seed Support Awards are not designed to support already-funded or ongoing research projects. For support for current research projects, please contact me or a member of the staff at IHDSC.

We look forward to supporting the development of innovative, interdisciplinary research projects through this award structure. The deadline for applications is December 10\textsuperscript{th}, 2013. All applications will be reviewed by an interdisciplinary committee. Award decisions will be made in January, 2014.

We look forward to learning more about your work.

Sincerely,

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Director

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FOCUS AREAS

Research should address the research focus areas of the Institute:

- research on basic change processes in human development,
- how these processes are affected by educational, social, economic, historical, political, and cultural contexts, and
- how these processes may be altered by intentional change strategies in these realms.

Research that address these processes within one of IHDSC’s three core thematic areas will be given priority:

- Education and human development
- Health and human development
- Poverty and human development

If you have questions regarding the ways in which your scholarly work fits within the mission of the Institute, please do not hesitate to contact us. For descriptions of past grantees, please visit http://steinhardt.nyu.edu/ihdsc/research/grants

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

1. Interdisciplinary: Proposed research projects must be interdisciplinary. This criterion is typically met by an investigator working collaboratively with two or more researchers in other disciplines, departments, or schools, where the tools of two or more social science disciplines will be used. Creative alternatives may also be considered.

2. Quality: The rigor and fit of the methods used to address the research problem and the proposed project’s feasibility will be evaluated.

3. Pilot for future study: This RFA is specifically targeted as “seed” or “pilot” support for projects that are large in scope, where faculty members hope to secure future external funding. High priority will be given to investigators with a well-articulated plan for submitting grant applications for external funding through IHDSC (with funders, deadlines, and submission requirements clearly specified). Proposals will also be considered from investigators who have recently submitted a grant application through IHDSC to federal or foundation sources, but would benefit from support to complete preliminary analyses or pilot research to increase the likelihood of gaining funding for such efforts.

4. Impact: Priority will be given to investigators with articulated plans for disseminating project findings, and with projects that have a high likelihood of informing a diverse group of academic and policy audiences.
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ELIGIBILITY AND RESTRICTIONS

1. All full-time, tenure-track faculty members are eligible to apply. Research Scientists who have held their appointments for five or more years are also eligible to apply.

2. At least one of the principal investigators must be from the Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development, the Faculty of Arts and Science, or the Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service (the three schools that are part of IHDSC).

3. Proposals must draw upon theory and analytic approaches from at least two disciplines. The names and areas of investigators with expertise in a different discipline than that of the PI should be clearly stated.

5. A letter with the chair’s signature or review/approval from OSP is NOT required.

6. IHDSC Seed Grant awardees cannot reapply for seed funding for the same project.

GRANTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Awardees of IHDSC Support Awards are expected to:

1. Participate in IHDSC-sponsored activities whenever possible, including attending Institute-sponsored seminars and IHDSC thematic area meetings on topics related to the project;

2. Hold at least one meeting per semester with IHDSC staff to discuss external funding possibilities, and submit proposals for external support for the project through IHDSC;

3. Provide copies of working papers/publications resulting from the funded project to be posted on IHDSC’s web site;

4. Submit short annual progress and financial reports; and

5. Sign a letter agreeing to meet award requirements.

HOW TO APPLY

Please email your proposal to Alexis Stern, IHDSC Grant Administrator, alexis.stern@nyu.edu, by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10th, 2013. The review committee will announce award decisions in January 2014.

The project proposal must include the following:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION
The project description should be 3 to 5 single-spaced pages including all pictures, graphs, tables, and references. Be succinct, avoid jargon, and spell out acronyms when used for the first time. Please include answers to all of the following questions so reviewers have the information necessary to evaluate your proposal.

1. Project name
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2. Name of PI and additional investigators

3. Program overview and design: Please describe the project’s scope, size, and components. What methodology will you employ? How is your program multidisciplinary? What is the project’s duration and timeline?

4. State of knowledge: What impact might the project have on the progress or state of knowledge in its field?

5. Impact in the field: What impact might your project have both at NYU and in the community?

6. Statement of potential results: What are the hypothesized results? How do you intend to use the results?

7. Incorporation of students: How can the proposed research be included in graduate and undergraduate training?

8. Availability of funding: List all funders to which you plan to submit a proposal resulting from this project and the estimated date of submission. If you have already submitted a proposal, explain why this award will be critical to your success in gaining additional funding for this line of research. NOTE: FUNDING FROM IHDSC WILL NOT BE AWARDED FOR WORK THAT CLEARLY DUPLICATES WORK FUNDED THROUGH OTHER MECHANISMS, NOR IS THIS MECHANISM INTENDED TO SUPPORT CURRENT PROJECT ACTIVITIES.

CURRICULUM VITAE
Submit a CV for each investigator involved in the proposed project.

BUDGET
Awards typically range from $5,000-$15,000, and will not exceed $20,000. Award size depends on the proposed scope of work. Funds are not permitted for faculty support. Budgeted expenses may include wages for student assistants, fringe benefits, travel related to data collection, fieldwork expenses, computer time, consultation, hourly assistance, etc. Proposed budgets should consist of:

- A one-page line item budget, and
- A budget justification explaining the purpose of each line item.

If you have questions about how to develop the budget, please contact Alexis Stern at alexis.stern@nyu.edu or 212-998-5540.

HUMAN SUBJECTS REVIEW
Please note that all funded proposals that include the participation of human subjects as part of their research designs must be reviewed and approved by the New York University Committee on Activities Involving Human Subjects (UCAIHS). Investigators with projects that include human subjects are strongly encouraged to apply for approval as soon as possible because funding cannot be formally awarded until human subject approval has been granted.