

Carleton University Proposal – Creation of a Special Research Fund

Name of Research Fund: *To be determined*

Purpose: Support and enhance research excellence across the institution undertaken by members of equity-deserving groups and/or on research that holds equity, diversity and inclusions considerations as a dominant focus of the research.

Value: \$125,000 per year total, awards ranging from \$5,000-\$8,000 each. Transfer of funds to other institutions is not permitted.

Duration: Grants will be tenable for a period of 2 years. No extension will be granted, unless extenuating circumstances arise (i.e. pandemic; illness).

Deadline for Application: May 16, 2022.

Results: June 2022 (To be published on Carleton's website.)

Grant Start Date: July 1, 2022.

Eligibility

- Principal Investigator must hold a faculty position at Carleton University at the rank of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Full Professor, or Librarian at the time of application.
- Must either self-identify as a member of an equity-deserving group and/or have equity, diversity, and inclusion considerations be dominant in the research being proposed.
- Intend to submit a competitive research proposal to an external grant agency as a PI within 12-18 months.
- Have not been awarded a Research Grant from this fund previously.

Application

- Applicants will be asked to complete an application form, a Self-Identification Survey and append their CV.
- Priority will be given to applicants who self-identify as members of equity-deserving groups, including but not limited to women, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ2S+, Indigenous peoples and racialized persons.
- The application will consist of a proposal that will outline the research project, rationale, budget, and references, as well as the self-identification survey.
- Faculty employees with less than 10 years of service in their academic career will be given preference for up to half of the awards each year (excluding any approved leave of absences).

Criteria for Evaluation

- Potential of research project to secure funding from external sources (25%)
- Merit of the proposal (75%), based on the following:
 - Clarity and coherence of the research problem and objectives

- Significance of the contributions within and outside of academia
- Soundness of the theory and methodology
- Appropriateness of the workplan/timelines/budget
- Quality of student and highly qualified personnel training, and mentorship
- Integration of considerations of equity, diversity and inclusion in the project design

Adjudication

- The grants will be adjudicated by a University Committee of internal experts selected by the Vice-President (Research and International), the Assistant Vice President, Indigenous Initiatives, and the AVP and University Adviser, Equity and Inclusive Communities. The Committee Chair will be a faculty member or academic administrator selected by the VPRI. The AVP, Indigenous Initiatives and the AVP, EIC, may serve as advisors.

Terms and Conditions

- 1) Any unspent funds at the end of the tenure of the grant will be returned to the University.
- 2) If, during the period of the award, the grantee resigns from their current appointment with the University, the grant will be terminated, and funds returned to the University. Any materials purchased will remain the property of the University.
- 3) This award is subject to the Research Expense Guidelines.
- 4) Funds cannot be transferred to other institutions.
- 5) Funds will only be released on receipt of approval from regulatory clearances, as applicable (Human Research Ethics and Animal Ethics and Biohazards).
- 6) Carleton University affiliation must be included on all resulting research outputs.
- 7) The summary provided as part of the proposal may be used for promotional purposes.
- 8) Within 12-18 months of notice of decision, this award must lead to a competitive proposal to an external agency.
- 9) In accepting this award, the grant holder commits to working with their Faculty Research Facilitator on their external grant proposal.
- 10) Grant holders are required to submit a Final Report via a web-form within 6 months following the award end date, detailing the activities undertaken as a result of this funding, as well as the outcomes and impacts, including research funding proposal submissions.