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NEW RESEARCH GROUP DEVELOPMENT FUNDING Call for Applications

Purpose:

The College of Education and Human Development's (EHD) Research and Development (R&D) Committee welcomes applications from faculty for funds to develop a new research group; that is, to establish and lead a group of faculty and CEHD graduate students in collaboration on a long-term, sustainable program of research.

This call is aligned with CEHD's mission (see bylaws) and the UND strategic plan. Faculty, staff, and students in CEHD strive to generate knowledge and find solutions to educational and societal challenges through our scholarly activities. CEHD values research *originality* that addresses complex issues in unique ways; *expertise* in cutting-edge best practices; *autonomy* to develop individual programs of study; meaningful *collaborations* among colleagues and students; results that *impact* locally, nationally, and internationally; and a commitment to *scholarly diversity* including basic and applied research, scholarly and creative activity, quantitative/qual/mixed methodologies, methodological and theoretical works, interdisciplinary collaborations, as well as national/international partnerships. Thus, the CEHD R&D committee welcomes applications for funds to develop new research groups.

Amount:

CEHD new research group funds are available for up to \$1000 in professional development money, which can be used at the discretion of the faculty PI (e.g., conference travel for themselves or student group members, research participation incentives, etc.). Awardees who complete all the Post-Award Requirements within one academic year (i.e., fall and spring semesters) will receive the funding.

Timeline: (recurring annually)

- Annual deadline for applications: Rolling applications received from Aug 15 to May 1
- Recipients announced: Approximately 2 weeks after submission

Eligibility:

Tenure-track and tenured faculty, as well as clinical faculty with research commitment on their contract, holding a continuing, full-time appointment in CEHD are eligible for funding as the principal investigator and research group leader. Individuals or groups of CEHD faculty members may submit collaborative proposals.

Collaboration is encouraged, but not mandatory for new research group funds.

While all eligible faculty are welcome to apply, priority will be given to those who do not currently have an established research group and are not currently receiving or recently received other funding from CEHD for similar activities.

Application:

All applications must include the following information in the order delineated below and must conform to page limits to be reviewed. All proposals should use 12-point Times New Roman font. The application should be prepared to convince and be understood by a general audience, only some of whom may be proficient in the applicant's area.

- **Cover Page** (1-page): Tentative research group name, date of submission, faculty name(s) who will lead the group with contact information (email address, program affiliation), brief statement of the nature of the proposed new research group (no more than 3 sentences)
- **Project Narrative** (up to 2 single-spaced pages)

- A description of the program of research undertaken by the group, specifying the programs intellectual merits and novelty along with its broader impacts.
- Goals for the group that includes socialization and mentorship of student members, as well as clear research deliverables. For example, collectively the team will collect data, submit a project to a conference or a peer reviewed journal, etc. within the next several semesters.
- How the project aligns with the CEHD mission and UND's Strategic Plan.
- Recruitment of faculty (the PI can be the sole faculty member; or other CEHD faculty, non-CEHD faculty, or non-UND faculty can be members) and CEHD graduate student members (minimum of 2 graduate students required, provide student program areas in submission). The proposal does not need students named (i.e., they can be recruited); however, the 1 academic year (fall and spring semesters) requirement for group meetings will start when at least 2 students have joined the group. Student members can be volunteers, participating as part of an independent research course, or as a research assistant from a PI's grant. Please also propose plans or strategies for *sustaining the group beyond the 1 academic year*.
- A plan for meeting times
 - As a group at least once per month
 - PI with individual members at least once per month
- **Current CV of researcher(s)**

Submit application electronically in one document (preferably in PDF) to the Research and Development Committee c/o Lesli Risky, at lesli.riskey@und.edu

Review:

Proposals will be subject to competitive review and ranking by the R&D committee, whose members are elected by the faculty of each department. If a member of the R&D applies, that member will be replaced by a non-competing representative from his or her division for the purpose of evaluating the proposal. Members of the RFD committee will consider the following criteria:

- Significance, intellectual merit, and novelty (Does this project address an important problem/barrier in the given field? How will this project advance knowledge, theory, methodology, and/or practice in the given field?)
- Broader impacts (What is the benefit of this project to society and will it contribute to achieving specific, desired societal outcomes?)
- Alignment with the CEHD mission as presented in the current Bylaws and UND's Strategic Plan
- Impact of funding on faculty professional development/career trajectory. Note, faculty who do not currently have CEHD funding or have not received substantial funding in the past may be prioritized for equivalently scored proposals.
- Potential contribution(s) of the project to the submission of external funding proposal applications.

Post-Award Requirements:

- Report to the Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development regarding progress/success on research initiatives, any products (conference presentations, publications, grant submissions), and any challenges the group experienced over the last year with a strategy to address them.
- Confirmed meetings of the group at least once per month (share dates), and individual student members at least once per month (PI confirms). Equivalent of two full academic semesters.
- Assist in the development of a research group website featured on the CEHD Research Page (support will be provided).
- Apply for external research funding to support their line of research (e.g., foundations, federal agencies) within two years of award funding.

The researcher(s) will not be eligible for future CEHD research funding until post-award requirements are met.