Call for Proposals:
Cross-Disciplinary Research Fund

Basic Information:

Title: Cross-Disciplinary Research Fund (CDRF)
Award Period: July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019 (up to 2 years)
Purpose: To provide new seed funding to GW faculty for collaborative cross-disciplinary research and a second round of funding to GW faculty who received CDRF funding in FY17 for collaborative cross-disciplinary research deemed worthy of second year funding.
Deadlines:
Statement of Intent Due: February 24, 2017
Proposal Due: March 24, 2017
Eligibility: Chartered centers and institutes may apply as they did to the Centers & Institutes Facilitating Fund. Additionally, individual faculty/researchers may apply with two or more principal investigators from diverse disciplines.
Amounts: Awards are up to $50,000 per year for (1) year. Funded proposals are awarded for one year at a time.
Contact: askovpr@gwu.edu
Website: research.gwu.edu/cross-disciplinary-research-fund

Program Description
The goal of the Cross-Disciplinary Research Fund (CDRF) is to establish collaborative research partnerships within centers and institutes or between two or more diverse disciplines that encourage applications to externally funded opportunities. External funds awarded as a result of this program must be set-up as a sponsored project with the appropriate indirect cost rate.

Eligibility Criteria
CDRF applicants must meet the eligibility requirements of being a principal investigator (PI) on an externally funded project. As of January 1, 2016, PI eligibility is determined by the schools. Please note that this update does not change the role and responsibility of the PI or the proposal routing requirements. Also note that the Institutional Review Boards (IRB) will continue to have its own criteria that are similar to (but not identical to) the previous faculty handbook criteria in accordance with their accrediting body’s guidelines.

Second-Year CDRF Eligibility Criteria
All applicants that received CDRF funding in FY17 are eligible to apply for the second year of project funding.
Review Criteria

Proposals will be judged on the following criteria:

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A copy of the scorecard can be found on the right side of the page, [here](#).

Budget

Typically, awards will provide up to $50,000 per year. Allowable costs include:

- **Service costs** may be requested so long as they are essential to the project.
- **Travel** may be requested so long as it is essential to the project and can be justified.
- **Supplies** may be requested so long as they are essential to project and can be justified.
- **Student support** can be requested for graduate students through the Graduate Research Assistant/Fellowship program found [here](#) or for undergraduate students paid hourly. Proposals that request funds for student support must explain the student’s role in the overall research plan. Students may work throughout the project year, not only during the summer months.
- **Salary support** is available for research faculty serving as PI, but is capped at 25% of project funding. Salary and fringe cannot be more than 25% of the total project funding.

This money is **not** available to support:

- **Salary** of non-Research Faculty. Department chairs should provide the protected time needed to complete the work.
- An already established program on campus.
- Proposals that were previously submitted to, but not funded by, external agencies.
- Development projects centered on the development of courses, textbooks or course material.
- Requests for matching funds or cost sharing for external proposals.
- Requests for publication fees.

Application Procedures

**Statement of Intent (SOI) – Due February 24, 2017**

A statement of intent providing very limited information is requested. It can be filled out online [here](#).

**Application – Due March 24, 2017**

The application will consist of the following components to be uploaded into Cayuse (please note page limits):

- **Abstract/Summary** - 1 page
- **Narrative** - 3 page limit that includes the following five parts:
  - Objectives/Specific Aims
  - Background/Significance
  - Research Plan/Methods
  - Results/Outcomes
  - Plan and likelihood for using these findings to obtain external funding
- **Budget Form** can be found on the right side of [this page](#). – 1 page
- **Budget Justification** (narrative explanation of budget) – 1 page
• **Biosketch** of each PI – Proposals should use current NIH/NSF style or similar – 3 pages limit; for a sample of an NIH-style biosketch, visit [this page](#) and for NSF, visit [this page](#).

➢ Application guidelines can be found on the right side of [this page](#). Paper and emailed copies **will not** be accepted.

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**Proposal Submission**

Paper and emailed copies of proposal components **will not** be accepted; complete proposals must be submitted via Cayuse. Cayuse submission instructions can be found on the right side of this [page](#), including:

- Setting up your account
- Creating a proposal
- Submitting your proposal

Questions and concerns should be emailed to askovpr@gwu.edu with “CDRF” in the subject line.

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**Review Process**

Awards will be based on the merits and design of the project and on the **clarity of the written proposal**. Proposers should address each item in the **application procedures**, bearing in mind that the reviewers may not have extensive knowledge of the fields of inquiry being described. Using language appropriate for the educated lay reader is critical to the success of a proposal, regardless of the discipline or the technical nature of the research.

If the application is missing major components by the proposal deadline, the proposal will not be reviewed. Upon submission of reviewers’ scorecards, the proposals will be ranked and the Office of the Vice President for Research will finalize awardees. Notification of winning proposals will be sent to all PIs in May 2017.

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**Award Administration**

OVPR will transfer the award fund to a designated PI’s department. All award expenses should be charged to that PI’s department. PIs are expected to expend the award funds in a manner consistent with the approved budget and in keeping with the university’s policies. At the conclusion of the award, the PI will submit a status report detailing the outcomes of the study and how the award funds were spent.

**FUNDED PROPOSALS INVOLVING HUMAN RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS, USE OF ANIMALS, HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, AND RADIATION SOURCES** must be approved through the Office of Human Research, Compliance, and/or Technology Commercialization before the actual research begins. For more information, consult these pages:

- [Office of Human Research](#)
- [Office of Animal Research](#)
- [Office of Laboratory Safety](#)

Patents and inventions may arise from work performed and should be disclosed to the University. For more information, consult [this page](#).

A **PROGRESS REPORT** - Recipients are required to submit a brief grant report no later than 30 days after the end of your award that includes identified products (manuscripts, creations, etc.) and/or a research project, specific plans/activities for submission for external funding. Progress reports for the funding cycle beginning July 2017 will be due August 31, 2018.