UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
COLLEGE of EDUCATION & HUMAN SCIENCES
Spring 2021
Request for Proposals for Mini-grants

1. INTRODUCTION

The College of Education and Human Sciences (COEHS) is pleased to announce a request for proposals for the Spring 2021 Research Mini-grants. These awards are for small-scale seed research to support and facilitate investigators’ research activities and whose intent would be to later seek external funding. **Note:** these grants only support expenses for data collection, including travel to gather data; these grants are not to be used to fund travel for dissemination.

**Available Funding.** A total of $64,000 is available for this RFP. Proposals are capped at $4,000 per individual proposal and $10,000 for inter/transdisciplinary collaborative proposals. To apply for funds, prepare to include the information in Section III and submit your complete proposal to coeresearch@unm.edu. Emails should have the subject line “COEHS Mini-grant Submission” so that we can flag your proposal. The **deadline to submit a proposal is 11:59 p.m. on April 1, 2021.** You will be notified of your grant status by early May 2021.

**Focus:** This year’s mini-grants program will have a dual foci of “COEHS’ response to COVID-19 and/or Yazzie-Martinez.” Proposals should either be related to research or interventions responsive to the COVID-19 global pandemic and/or Yazzie-Martinez. In the proposal narrative, please explicitly connect how the proposed work responds Spring 2021 mini-grant theme. Additionally, please note the category, or categories, in the cover page of your proposal.

**Categories:**

1. **COVID-19 Projects:** Proposals should address the impacts of COVID-19 across our New Mexico communities. We encourage inter/transdisciplinary proposals that address how COVID-19 has influenced our social, educational, familial, community-based, health-related and other forms of functioning. Proposals might address the prevalence and severity in certain communities, its sustained impact across the above cited areas of schooling, work, and life, or propose novel interventions to mitigate or move us forward towards a new post-pandemic way of functioning.

2. **Yazzie-Martinez:** Proposals might address issues related to this court ruling, including proposed remedies that might be employed to support responsive education and services to address the structural and systemic concerns within New Mexico schools that led to this decision.

All researchers interested in submitting a proposal should submit an Early Alert ([https://unm.selfservice.vivantio.com/Account/LogIn](https://unm.selfservice.vivantio.com/Account/LogIn)) as soon as possible to discuss proposals and allowable budgets prior to submission.
II. RESEARCH PROPOSAL REQUESTS

Eligibility: Only full-time tenured/tenure-track faculty members are eligible to apply for the mini-grant research funds. One proposal submission will be accepted per PI.

Priority: Untenured faculty members who are at the rank of Assistant Professor are especially encouraged to apply.

Allowable Use of Funds:

- Faculty may request research funds for expenses associated with a range of research activities (e.g., supplies, materials, services, incentives, travel to collect data or do field work, data analysis, and research personnel [i.e., graduate students at 24% FTE or less; project assistants]. Summer stipends and course release for faculty will not be covered). Mobile devices or laptop computers can only be requested if essential for field-based data collection. No subawards are allowed.
- If awarded, all budget items must be committed by June 30, 2022.
- Recipients must submit a final report at the conclusion of their project or before the beginning of the next academic year, whichever is earlier. If a faculty member received COEHS CCRCE or OFAC funds before and has not yet submitted a report, any future proposal will not be considered for funding until the required report is submitted.

III. SUBMITTING PROPOSALS

Each proposal must have a: (1) a contact page, (2) a proposal cover page, (3) a proposal narrative (limited to 1,000 words, excluding the references, the contact, cover, and budget), and (4) budget page. Do not attach any addendum.

1. Contact Page: This page should include the following:
   a. Applicant's name, e-mail address
   b. Applicant's Program, Department

2. Cover Page: This page should include the following:
   a. Rank _________
   b. Years at UNM _________
   c. Proposal title
   d. Proposal Category
   e. Total funds requested: $_________
   f. Have you received prior COEHS funding? Yes____ No___
      If yes:
      Most recent year you received: ________________
Did you submit a final report to COEHS?    Yes___          No___
Have you published from it?     Yes___          No___
Have you presented from it?     Yes___          No___
Did it lead to other funded support?    Yes___          No___
g. IRB status of your current research proposal. Check one:
   i   In-progress _____
   ii  Submitted _____
   iii. Approved _____ (please provide approval number: ________)

Note: You may still submit a mini-grant request for research funds if IRB approval has not yet been received; in this case, if awarded, the COEHS Research Office will consider your request for conditional acceptance. The Associate Dean for Research and Distance Education must receive your official IRB approval to disburse funds. The disbursement of research funds, but not the submission of an application, is contingent upon IRB approval of your research proposal.

3. **Proposal Narrative:** (1,000 words, double-spaced, 12-point font size, 1-inch margin all sides). **Do not include any identifying information in the proposal narrative.** Please provide the following information within the proposal narrative:
   • Title of your proposed project
   • Scholarship
      o Provide a literature review and background information
      o Briefly articulate the scope, rationale, and research questions/purposes of the proposed project
      o Clearly describe methods, including participants, instrumentation, measurement, data collection procedures, and data analysis plan. Be sure to provide adequate rationale if the request includes travel funds to collect data or do field work.
   • Statement of future research direction
   • Statement of contribution to the field
   • Statement of plan to seek external funding. Please do not just name potential funder, but list specific funding opportunities and how this seed funding would support you in seeking this external funding.
   • Statement of populations who will benefit from the proposed project (e.g. COEHS, UNM, Albuquerque, NM region, US, students, and profession)

4. **Budget Page:**

Provide a detailed justification for each budget item requested. If you have supplemental sources of funds for the proposed project please describe these as well. Please see example of an acceptable budget format at the end of this document, which demonstrates the kind of information required for a mini-grant budget.
## BUDGET EXAMPLE

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<td>Field Travel – PI</td>
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**TOTAL** $2034.00

**Requested amount** $2,000.00

**Budget Justification:**

Personnel: Project Assistant (PA) — Funds are being requested to hire one hourly-paid Project Assistant (or equivalent) that will assist in recruiting families and administering questionnaires. The PA is expected to work 150 hours and will be paid $11.00 an hour.

Also, if your estimated budget is more than the allowable mini-grant amount, then indicate how you would cover the difference to complete your proposed project.

### IV. EVALUATION CRITERIA

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**Scholarship** (65 points)
- Literature review and background information 10 points
- Research questions/purposes/objectives of the proposed project 20 points
- Methods of data collection and analysis 35 points

**Budget** (15 points):
The budget is clearly written, detailed, itemized, and within OFAC limits. If the estimated budget is more than the allowable mini-grant amount, then indicate how you would cover the difference to complete the proposed project (See Budget Example below).

**Bonus Points** (Up to 10 points)

- Untenured faculty members who are at the rank of Assistant Professor: 5 points
- Faculty member who has presented or published from a previous OFAC grant: 1 point
- Faculty member whose previous COEHS grant(s) led to other funded support?: 2 point
- Commitment to creation of professional development based on work: 2 points

**For Additional Questions:** Please contact the Associate Dean for Research and Distance Education (kgoodric@unm.edu) for any scientific questions about this targeted mini-grant program. For technical issues, please contact Denise Wallen (wallen@unm.edu) and Christine Marquez (cmarquez24@unm.edu). All investigators are asked to submit an Early Alert as soon as possible.

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