CLASS Faculty Research and Creativity Seed Grant Initiative

AY 2016-17

I. Description:

The Faculty Research and Creativity Seed Grant Initiative, sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, is a competitive internal funding opportunity designed to stimulate research and creative activity and to enhance the opportunity for faculty to compete for external funding. Faculty Research and Creativity Seed Grant funds will be awarded to establish research and creative projects that will be competitive for external grants and to provide “seed” support for faculty members in their efforts to garner external funding for their research and creative activities. The provided support must lead directly to the submission of applications for external funding. Eligible investigators are tenured or tenure-track faculty who would benefit from support to produce competitive proposals for submission to external sponsors and funding agencies.

II. Award Information:

Type of Award:

Up to $5,000 for approved project expenses

Course release of one class with approval of department chair

Estimated Number of Awards:

The number of grants to be awarded depends on availability of funds.

Period of Performance:

The CLASS Faculty Research and Creativity Seed Grant award period is September 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017. Faculty awardees will have one year from the conclusion of the seed grant award period to submit a grant proposal to an external funding agency; thus, external grants proposals must be submitted by May 31, 2018.

Anticipated Funding Amount:

Faculty Research and Creativity Seed Grant awards will be for a maximum amount of $5,000 per award with the possibility of one accompanying course release per award.
III. Eligibility Information:

Organization Limit:

Faculty Research and Creativity Seed Grant awards are limited to full-time, tenured or tenure-track faculty in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences.

Limit on Number of Proposals per Investigator:

Submissions are limited to one proposal per investigator. However, a faculty member may also be involved in one additional proposal as a co-principal investigator. Co-authored submissions are eligible for funding up to the $5,000 limit. A maximum of one course release may be provided per award.

Investigator Eligibility:

Faculty Research and Creativity Seed Grant awards are restricted to tenured or tenure-track faculty with research and/or creative activity workload expectations. While participation of undergraduate and graduate students on projects is encouraged, student-led projects are not eligible.

IV. Proposal Preparation and Submission:

Proposal Format:

A complete, peer review-quality proposal which includes the following material is required:

1. Completed Faculty Research and Creativity Seed Grant Initiative coversheet
2. Initiative proposal to contain the following sections:
   A. Project summary (limited to 250 words)
   B. Project narrative, including the purpose, significance, methodology, and the schedule (limited to 20 pages).
   C. Statement of anticipated external funding sources or agencies for future grant submission
   D. References in support of project (if relevant)
   E. Curriculum vita of the principal investigator and key personnel
   F. Budget and narrative justification of expenses (limited to five pages)

NOTE: Awarding of grant funds is contingent upon receiving IRB approval (if necessary)

Submission:

Complete proposals should be submitted electronically to D. Jason Slone, dslone@georgiasouthern.edu

Proposal Deadline:

To be eligible for consideration, all proposals must be received by 5:00 pm, August 31, 2016.
V. Proposal Review Procedures:

Proposals that meet the preparation requirements will be reviewed by a committee of previous CLASS winners of research awards. Proposals will be evaluated on both the intrinsic merit of the project and its likelihood of leading to external funding.