

2018-19 Dean's Circle Research Grant Program Program Policies¹

The primary purpose of the Dean's Circle Research Grant Program is to provide financial support to help faculty conduct research projects that will address important societal issues/problems and that will be likely to attract external funding to support follow-up research activities. The proposed research must include the collection and/or analysis of data/empirical material (e.g., conducting a pilot study, survey research, ethnography, etc.).

Each faculty member who receives a Dean's Circle Research Grant will be required to prepare an external grant proposal to obtain funds to support a follow-up research project. This proposal must be submitted through the COE Office of Research to an external funding agency (e.g., IES, NIH, NSF, Spencer Foundation) no later than during the 2020-21 academic year.

Eligibility

- COE faculty who applied for, but did not receive, a Fall 2018 Planning Grant or Spring 2019 COFRS Grant may apply for a 2019 Dean's Circle Research Grant.
- Each Dean's Circle Research Grant proposal must be submitted by a single tenured or tenure-earning faculty member who will serve as the Principal Investigator for the project.

Award Amounts and Acceptable Uses

- Awards will be \$10,000 per funded proposal. Award dollars must be used for research-related purposes such as:
 - Summer 2019 salary for the PI and/or other COE faculty on the research team;
 - Salary for COE graduate assistants (fee waivers must come from other sources);
 - Compensation of research participants; and/or
 - Materials and/or equipment necessary for the proposed research project.
- Award dollars will be available May 1, 2019 and must be expended by April 30, 2020.

Important Dates

- **Application Deadline:** Monday, March 11th, 5:00 PM. Proposals not submitted in the proper form by this deadline will not be reviewed by the Review Committee and will not be eligible for funding. Proposals must be submitted to [Russ Walker](#), the COE Office of Research administrator.
- **Award Notification:** Early April. Each faculty member who submits a proposal will be notified whether the proposal was funded and will receive written feedback.
- **Project period:** May 1, 2019–April 30, 2020.

¹ The program policies described here were for the 2018-19 academic year. For the 2019-20 academic year, some relatively minor changes to these policies are likely to be adopted.