



## RESEARCH PILLAR: GRANTS

### Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity, and Equity (CRE<sup>2</sup>) Requests for Proposals: Seed Grants

The Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity & Equity (CRE<sup>2</sup>) invites proposals for transdisciplinary projects that enrich scholarly engagement related to the Center's mission and 2020–2023 themes:

- 1) Innovations in Understanding and Improving Health Equity;
- 2) Race and the Future of Democracy;
- 3) Global Migratory Representations, Histories, and Crises;
- 4) Visualizing Race and Ethnicity: Algorithms, Discourses, and Design; and
- 5) Legal, Spatial, and Political Justice

Our themes aim to focus scholarly attention on the myriad manifestations of race and ethnicity—locally, nationally, and globally—and to encourage research across the seven Washington University schools and many disciplines. The themes are not intended to exclude any scholarship, and we invite proposals for grants beyond these initial announced themes.

This solicitation provides information about one of the three principal CRE<sup>2</sup> grant programs, **Seed Grants**, to encourage the development of research projects toward the pursuit of external funding.

#### ***Eligibility***

Only CRE<sup>2</sup> Faculty Affiliates are eligible to apply for grants under this program. The principal investigator(s) must have applied for Affiliate status by the previous academic semester prior to submitting a grant application. Exceptions are granted for new faculty who arrive during the semester of this RFP. Eligibility is limited to one CRE<sup>2</sup> grant program per year as principal investigator, with the exception of the Small Grants program.

## **SEED GRANTS**

The Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity & Equity invites proposals for projects related to the advancement of the CRE<sup>2</sup> research mission and the 2020–2023 CRE<sup>2</sup> Programmatic Themes (see above). CRE<sup>2</sup> will award Seed Grants **of up to \$15,000** per grant project. The principal aim of this program is to assist in the development of research ideas (e.g., preliminary analyses, pilot studies, conceptual schemas, archival work) that have the potential to significantly enhance scientific and cultural methodologies and to garner external research support. Priority will be given to research projects that:

- Facilitate multidisciplinary research linkages and establish collaborative research partnerships across campuses and academic/research units, or with local, national, and international organizations and agencies;
- Include early career faculty or “new” investigators (i.e., those who have not previously obtained external funding) as principal or co-principal investigators;
- Support undergraduate or graduate assistance in the completion of research activities;
- Focus on areas of critical interest to CRE<sup>2</sup>, the campus, and St. Louis community; and
- Have not previously received CRE<sup>2</sup> grant support, with the exception of Small Grants.

### ***Proposal Format***

Proposals should be no more than three (3) single-spaced pages in length, exclusive of title page, abstract, timeline, references, budget pages, current CVs for all investigators, description of any human subjects (if applicable), and appendices. Proposals are to be written in Arial 11-point font with 0.5-inch margins all around. Proposals must include an Abstract and sections Overview/Aims (.5 pages), Significance and Innovation (.5 pages), and Project Description (2 pages). The Project Description section should (1) describe how the work supported by the Seed Grant relates to the scope of a project proposal that will be submitted for extramural funding, and how the Seed Grant funding will lead to increased competitiveness in obtaining those funds; and (2) include subsections on Foundational Perspectives, Research Questions/Inspiration, Methods, and Data/Materials. Please also include subsections for a Timeline, Budget, and Budget Rationale (not included in page limit). All Seed Grant research proposals that are approved for funding and involve the use of human subjects must obtain appropriate human subjects approval through the University’s Institutional Review Board before funds are disbursed.

### ***Grant Submission, Notification, and Award Period***

Proposal submissions are due by **April 1, 2022 at 5:00 pm CDT** via email to [cre2@wustl.edu](mailto:cre2@wustl.edu) with the subject heading “2022 CRE<sup>2</sup> Seed Grant Submission.” Awards will be announced in April 2022. Project award periods are for 12 months beginning June 1, 2022, with an extension of up to 6 months available upon grantee request and approval from CRE<sup>2</sup> leadership.

### ***Budget Guidelines***

Project budgets may request up to \$15,000 in direct costs to support any activity that directly relates to the successful conduct of the project. There are no indirect costs paid on CRE<sup>2</sup> Grants. Budget items may include support for data entry, interviews, data acquisition, access to restricted-use data, travel costs related to data collection or meetings with collaborators, space

rental, salary compensation or contribution to research accounts (salary and compensation should be kept to less than 20% of the award amount), artist stipends, creative materials, curatorial support, editing, and graduate and undergraduate research assistance. The Center will not pay for computer equipment when that computing can reasonably be accomplished with the existing equipment on campus. Unspent funding at the end of the project period will revert to the CRE<sup>2</sup> Grant pool unless a request for a time extension is submitted and CRE<sup>2</sup> Co-directors approve the request. Budget Rationales should include outside resources (if any) that will be used to achieve the aims of the project.

### ***Review and Selection***

The CRE<sup>2</sup> Leadership Team will screen all submitted proposals to determine whether the proposals meet the program's goals. Proposals will be reviewed by a Grant Selection Committee composed of the CRE<sup>2</sup> Leadership Team and at least two Faculty Affiliates. In addition to the preferences mentioned above, the following prioritized criteria will be used in evaluating the proposals:

1. The overall quality and significance of the proposed research;
2. The potential of the proposed research to be expanded into an externally funded grant; and
3. The proposed research has received a favorable review from a funding agency and needs additional resources for resubmission (please include Summary Statement with reviewer comments).

### ***Monitoring and Grantee Obligations***

The Center's Associate Director will monitor progress on Seed Grant projects. Grantees will provide an expense report upon request. Grantees will submit a final progress report including any grant proposals, publications, exhibitions, or other scholarly products submitted or in preparation within one (1) month after the end date of their Seed Grant period and will notify CRE<sup>2</sup> of any proposals, exhibitions, and other scholarly products subsequently submitted or awarded/accepted. It is expected that an external grant proposal will be submitted no later than eight (8) months from the completion of the Seed Grant period. Grantees' papers and publications will acknowledge the CRE<sup>2</sup> Seed Grant program using the statement, "This work has been funded by the Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity & Equity at Washington University in St. Louis Seed Grant program, but the views remain those of the authors."

### ***The Center's Mission Statement***

CRE<sup>2</sup> brings the research force of Washington University to study how race and ethnicity are integral to the most complex and challenging issues of our time. We believe in field-defining research, innovative learning, and strategic engagement that will transform scholarship, policy, and clinical interventions where race and ethnicity are at the center.