The Ohio State University

Spring 2017 Connect and Collaborate Grants – Call for Pre-Proposals

1. **Purpose.** The Spring 2017 Connect and Collaborate Grants Program incentivizes faculty, staff, students and their respective public/private sector community partners to submit proposals with the potential to catalyze engaged, collaborative teaching, research, and service activities benefiting the community with impactful, sustainable programs while advancing the scholarly goals of the university.

2. **Alignment with Funding Priority Areas.** This program is designed to bring together multiple, available resources and leverage existing partnerships to develop programs/initiatives that achieve measurable, positive impacts in communities. Priority will be given to proposals that align with one or more of the following areas.

A. International

- **Global One Health (GOH) Initiative** – As part of the Office of International Affairs, this initiative seeks to establish and enrich sustainable research, training and implementation projects focusing on cross-cutting issues impacting human health via a One Health framework (i.e. the interface of humans, animal and environmental health). It builds capacity to address complex issues through making a grass-roots impact. Since 2011, interdisciplinary activities have had a positive impact for Ohio State and local, national and international partners. The scope of projects includes collaborative approaches to address complex global issues such as prevent, detect and respond against antimicrobial resistance; biocides, micronutrients; innovative ways to build capacity and make grass-root impact using holistic approaches.

- **Global Gateways** – The university has opened Global Gateways office locations in Shanghai, China (2010), Mumbai, India (2012), and São Paulo, Brazil (2014). The Gateways help the university maintain existing partnerships and explore new relationships with universities in these regions; collaborating on research, initiating study abroad programs and establishing the potential for internships. This program seeks to fund interdisciplinary projects addressing at least one of the Discovery Themes. For this competition, the funding will support international workshops and conferences that bring together experts from both the United States and the Greater China region OR India in the previously mentioned fields and spawn opportunities for long-term international collaborative projects. Applications can come from professional, technical, and physical science programs, but there should also be a social and/or economic component to the proposal. Please note that expansion grants are generally not applicable and that applications for Brazilian collaborations will not be accepted at this time.

B. Ohio's 88 Counties

Ohio State is engaged in all of the state's 88 counties through well-established programs including the OSU regional campuses, OARDC Research Centers, and OSU Extension offices. Through a process coordinated by OSU Extension, input from Ohio's 88 counties was collected to establish six impact areas prioritizing community needs as: 1) Health and Wellness; 2) Job Skills and Careers; 3) Thriving Across the Life Span; 4) Sustainable Foods; 5) Engaged Ohioans, Vibrant Communities; and 6) Environmental Quality.

C. Central Ohio

Ohio State's Columbus campus is in an urban environment of a dynamic city interfacing rural communities, presenting significant challenges and opportunities. Feedback from community partners was collected to establish six impact areas prioritizing community needs as: 1) Arts and Humanities; 2) Business and Economic Development; 3) Education; 4) Energy and Environment; 5) Health and Wellness; and 6) Workforce Development.

D. Industry Research and Development

Pre-proposals should seek to advance engaged university research, teaching, and service programs that align with industry sector's needs in areas including but not limited to manufacturing, agriculture, energy, transportation, IT, arts and entertainment.

3. General Instructions

A. **Program Overview.** Eligible applicants are invited to submit a pre-proposal, using the [template provided](), to be considered for further development and subsequent funding. A Stewardship Committee will select pre-proposals that address priority issues and have potential to become successful projects that support the development of sustainable programs. Selected pre-proposals will be developed into full proposals by Development Teams consisting of applicant team members and a Steering Committee. The Steering Committee will contribute targeted networking and program development expertise. This will enable a better perspective of the challenge and the capability to devise more effective and sustainable solutions. Working with a Steering Committee to deliver a final proposal is a required activity for all selected pre-proposals. Applicants will need to set aside sufficient staff time for full proposal completion. Stewardship Committee members will invest in full proposals pending final proposal approval.

B. **Eligibility.** Teams must be led by current Ohio State faculty or staff. One individual must be designated as the point of contact for the grant and will facilitate communication with team members.

C. **Teams**. Teams should be developed with the background, experience and expertise to complete the full proposal. The Connect and Collaborate Grants Program will assist teams in full proposal development by providing Steering Committee members, including a project mentor. Applications should include university and community partners (local, global, public, private, non-profit and/or for profit entities) as specified below:

- **International:**

    o Global One Health: Teams can include faculty, staff and students at Ohio State associated with the health sciences and at least one other college /academic partner; must include at least one key international partner preferably in geographic areas of strategic interest including eastern or southern Africa; Brazil; South-eastern Asia and within Ohio communities but addressing global issues.

    o Global Gateways: Teams can include faculty, staff and students at Ohio State. The proposed seminars or workshops must involve at least one Chinese OR Indian partner. Cross-disciplinary approaches are encouraged.

- **Ohio's 88 Counties:** Teams can include faculty, staff and students at Ohio State's Columbus campus and must include an Ohio State unit located outside the Columbus campus area (OSU Extension, regional campus, etc.) and at least one external public/private sector community partner.

- **Central Ohio:** Teams can include faculty, staff and students from departments, colleges, or units other than the team lead, and must include at least one external public/private sector community partner.

- **Industry Research and Development:** Teams can include faculty, staff and students from departments, colleges, or units other than the team lead, and must include at least one external public/private sector community partner.

D. **Grant Tracks.** The call for pre-proposals will be offered twice a year with solicitations released in September and January. In Autumn 2016, the program awarded approximately $300,000 and expects to award a similar amount in Spring 2017. Funding requests should be for projects that are the next logical step in advancing the program and should be commensurate with the scope and scale of the project. Grant funds will be made available on a competitive basis using three grant tracks:

- Program Planning Grant (up to $25,000)
   Planning grants support development or improvement of a program at any point in its life-cycle. Teams that demonstrate support and excitement for starting or enhancing a program will be invited to develop an action plan designed to move the program to the next logical stage.

- Program Implementation Grant (up to $40,000)
   Implementation grants are intended for programs with a clear purpose based on demonstrated need, comprehensive planning, where partnerships are established, and early successes have accrued.

- Program Expansion Grant (up to $70,000)
   Expansion grants support scale-up of an established program's infrastructure and capacity to increase positive impacts. Expansion grants provide funds to existing programs deemed to be of high quality based on documented evidence.

E. **Funding Period.** Duration of funding can be up to two years from the date the project is funded. Grantees must plan to spend all grant funds during the grant period. The anticipated project timeline for the Spring cycle is May 1, 2017 – April 30, 2019.

F. **Use of Funds.** There are no restrictions on use of funds, _except_ funds may _not_ be used for capital improvements. Examples of fund use include, but are not limited to, operating costs, faculty, staff, student, and community partner support.

G. **Required Cost Share.** Concepts must identify cost share equal to 50% of the final award amount with at least 1/2 of the cost sharing as cash.

4. Selection and Timeline

    A. **Stewardship Committee.** The Committee is composed of internal and external organizations whose representatives will select pre-proposals that address priority issues and have potential to become successful projects. Organizations participating in the 2017 Connect and Collaborate Grants Program include: Columbus Foundation; Greater Columbus Arts Council; United Way of Central Ohio; Corporate Engagement Office; Global Gateways; Global One Health; Industry Liaison Office, Office of Energy and Environment; Office of International Affairs; Office of Outreach and Engagement; Office of Research; Office of Service-Learning; Office of Undergraduate Education; Office of Undergraduate Research; OSU Extension; and OSU Wexner Medical Center.

    B. **Selection Process.** Pre-Proposals will be evaluated on merit based on quality of responses to questions posed on the narrative template including alignment with funding priority areas. The highest scoring applicants will be invited to present their proposal to members of the Stewardship Committee. Following presentations, the Stewardship Committee will decide which proposals advance to the Development Stage based on merit and funding interests.

    C. **Award Timeline**

Date	Action
1/5/2017	Call for Pre-Proposals opens
1/17/2017 11:30-1:00	Information session at The Research Commons at 18ᵗʰ Avenue Library
2/1/2017 5:00 PM	Application submissions due
2/21/2017	Top tier pre-proposal teams invited to present to the Stewardship Committee
3/1/2017	Presentation of top tier pre-proposals to Stewardship Committee
3/8/2017	Applicants informed if their pre-proposal is selected to advance to Development
3/21/2017	Meeting 1 – Development Team (Steering Committee & Applicant Team)
Week of 3/27/2017	Meeting 2 – Development Team
Week of 4/3/2017	Meeting 3 – Development Team
Week of 4/10/2017	Meeting 4 – Development Team
Week of 4/17/2017	Meeting 5 – Development Team
4/26/2017	Full proposals due
5/2/2017	Awards made
May 2017	Funds available

5. Application Instructions.

A *complete* pre-proposal application package consists of two sections: a cover page and a three-page narrative using the template provided (http://go.osu.edu/ccgrantstemplate).

    Pre-Proposal. As specified in the template, the pre-proposal must address, in sequence, each required section below.

COVER PAGE
1. Pre-Proposal/Project Title
2. Single Point of Contact Information
3. Grant Track
4. Experiential Learning Support
5. Alignment with Funding Priority Areas
6. Executive Summary (250-word limit)

NARRATIVE Sections
1. **Statement of the Challenge/Opportunity.** Explain the nature, scope and significance of the challenge or opportunity, including data to support this conclusion and need for the proposed program.
2. **Proposed Program/Initiative.** Explain how the program will address the challenge/opportunity in ways that benefit program participants and have a positive impact on the community. Describe the intended approach, target audience, and initial and potential program reach. Indicate why the audience is ready for or interested in the program and why the timing is right for the proposal.
3. **Financial Sustainability.** Include a vision and/or growth plan for long-term financial viability of the program beyond the Connect and Collaborate Grants Program funding. Considerations should include: how the program will be grown (including an exit strategy if relevant), financial support for the program, and how the program can transition effectively after the Connect and Collaborate funding ends.
4. **Outcomes and Impacts.** Clearly describe potential short-term and long-term impacts on the community and research, teaching, service, and scholarship outcomes – including how these will be measured.
5. **Team Members and Qualifications.** Document team capacity to execute the proposed initiative. Identify members of the core team, including existing or desired OSU and external members. Briefly discuss each member's role, capabilities and qualifications. Include experience relevant to the proposed project.
6. **Community Partners.** Discuss the community partners who would be essential for success. Within the scope of the pre-proposal, discuss partner's anticipated involvement and the mutual benefits of the partnership.
7. **Funding Request and Narrative.** Based on the amount requested, provide budget estimates that include cost share and additional sources of funding. Document how funding will be applied to achieve proposed program outcomes.
8. **Experiential Learning.** Additional funding, beyond the grant track maximum, is available on a competitive basis to support service-learning and undergraduate research components of proposals. If applicable, briefly explain how the proposed project would incorporate these components.

The narrative must be typed in 11-point Arial or Calibri font, single-line spacing, and 1-inch page margins. Charts, tables, and graphics may be used in the narrative but *will* be included as part of the three-page limit. Do not use a table of contents page or divider pages.

NOTE: Pre-Proposals exceeding the 3-page narrative limit will *not* be reviewed.

Submit the *complete* application package as a single PDF. Any non-electronic documents should be scanned and added to the PDF copy. Email the complete application package to engage@osu.edu by 5 p.m. on **February 1, 2017**.