Program Rationale

Clemson University’s College of Architecture, Arts and Humanities (CAAH) is requesting Graduate Student Research applications to fund student projects, research and/or other activities related to broadening interdisciplinary learning in the areas of Architecture, Arts and Humanities. Funds will be distributed through a competitive review process. The grants funded through this program must seek novel and innovative approaches responding to high impact topics. The request should seek to establish cross-disciplinary learning and engagement within CAAH.

For this grant cycle, CAAH plans to fund up to a total of five (5) proposals for the period between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016. Applicants may seek grant funds ranging from $500-$1,500.

Appropriate uses of the funds may include, but are not restricted to:

- Project or research related materials or project supplies
- Research related travel expenses
- Student initiated programs or colloquia
- Presentation of papers, artwork or performances at symposia or conferences
- Publication costs of research, literary works or art

The funds should be designated for the direct support of research or arts project, but may not be used to support a currently funded or faculty-initiated research programs. The applicant must make clear that the application is a new or complementing research project and not a continuation of ongoing research funded by other sources.

Submittal Schedule

Application Deadline: **March 31, 2015**
Electronically submitted to: caahresearch@clemson.edu
Award Announcements by e-mail on or before May 1, 2015

Eligibility

Applicants must be current Clemson University students in good standing who are enrolled in post-baccalaureate programs and working towards a doctoral, master’s or professional degree. Collaborations are limited to CAAH graduate students pursuing degrees in the College of Architecture, Arts and Humanities. No exceptions considered.
Evaluation Criteria

- Interdisciplinarity
- Innovation
- Student engagement
- Potential impact
- Intellectual merit
- Leveraging of resources
- Appropriateness of budget
- Transformational nature of work

Submittal Format

1. Abstract (not to exceed 300 words)
2. Project narrative (not to exceed 3 pages, excluding references). Double space all text in the project narrative. Single space is appropriate for titles, headings, footnotes, quotations, references, and captions, as well as all text in figures, charts and graphs. Applicants must use a size 12 font or larger or no smaller than 10 pitch. The project narrative must include:
   - Statement of Hypothesis and/or Specific Aims
   - Background and Rationale
   - Preliminary Results (where applicable)
   - Research Design and Methods
3. Budget and Budget Justification (not included in the 3 pages) Provide an itemized budget; detailing all amounts budgeted including travel, supplies and equipment
4. Brief biography of the applicant and all co-investigators (include special skills, knowledge or experience relevant to the proposed project) (not included in the 3 pages)
5. Statement of support from a faculty member acknowledging the cross disciplinary value and independence of funding. (not included in the 3 pages)
6. Approvals or application dates for required approves (including IRB, facility access, etc.) if necessary. (not included in the 3 pages)
7. Appendix: Addressed on one page, separately from the proposal:
   - How is this project interdisciplinary and why is an interdisciplinary approach necessary?
   - How is this proposal highly innovative?
   - What is the potential impact of this proposal?
   - How will this research be useful to you as you advance in your studies and career

Selection Criteria

The CAAH Associate Dean of Research and Research Committee will review each proposal.
Outcome Assessment & Required Reporting

Outcomes all must demonstrate interdisciplinary collaboration. Examples of outcomes could include building on competitive advantages; developing new synergies across disciplines; publication in peer-reviewed journals (on-line or print); posters accepted for presentation at professional symposia or conference; public performance of compositions; submission of a proposal for extramural funding, generation of significant preliminary data, integrating research with public impact, and development of graduate theses and doctoral dissertations.

All funding for this round must be spent by no later than June 1, 2016. This time frame requires that all research trips be completed and funds expended in time to be processed by the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2016.

Within one year of receiving the grant, the graduate student must submit a report to the Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies detailing the status of the project. Failure to submit an activity report or to produce acceptable outcomes will jeopardize eligibility for future funding through this program. A fillable form can be found at http://www.clemson.edu/caah/research/policies/outcome-assessment.html, and should be submitted to caahresearch@clemson.edu

Any questions about the CAAH Graduate Student Research Program should be directed to Associate Dean Akel Kahera, (akelk@clemson.edu, 656-0377) or Diana Thrasher (dianas@clemson.edu, 656-6444).