

## **Announcement: CAHSS Dean's Research Support during COVID-19**

During the pandemic UMBC's College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences (CAHSS) is pleased to announce a research support opportunity available to all CAHSS tenured and tenure-track faculty.

*(Note: the CAHSS Dean's Research Fund (CDRF) and the CAHSS Research Fellowships (CRF) are temporarily suspended until further notice).*

This competitive funding opportunity is available annually in the Spring semester and provides up to \$4,000 to support the research endeavors of CAHSS tenured and tenure-track faculty. Lecturers, Professors of the Practice, Research Scientists and faculty on visiting or short-term appointments are not eligible to apply.

Approximately 12 awards will be granted to support developing or established scholarly and creative projects. Awarded funds will be available through the end of the following fiscal year (i.e. funds awarded in Academic Year 2020-2021 must be used no later than June 2022). Items that are eligible for funding include: one course release (with permission of the department chair), equipment, supplies, books, research participant costs, UMBC undergraduate or graduate student support, and other items necessary for research endeavors. No faculty salary support may be funded through this initiative. Funds supporting this initiative are provided by the Office of the Dean of the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences.

### **Expected of recipients:**

Awardees will be required to provide a short report describing the work accomplished, how funds were spent and how any equipment purchased has been designated for continued College use. Reports should be sent to the Dean via Tammy Brown ([tbrown@umbc.edu](mailto:tbrown@umbc.edu)) by the first day of classes of the semester following the completion of the grant term.

### **Application Guidelines:**

- Cover sheet: Chair's signature and Applicant signature are required.
- Narrative: A proposal of about 750 words or up to 3 double-spaced typewritten pages, in non-technical language so that it may be understood by reviewers with little background in the area of proposed study. The proposal must provide a clear and concise statement of the aims and significance of the project, timeline, methods, and proposed outcome. Narratives should indicate the current stage/phase of the research project and explain the impact of the research support on the faculty member's career advancement and program of scholarship.
- A current curriculum vitae in the UMBC format.
- Budget: A one-page budget and a budget justification explaining how/why the requested funds would be spent. If the total need is greater than the amount requested, please explain the total expenses and whether and from what sources other funds have been or will be obtained. If funds will be used to hire student assistants, those students must be UMBC undergraduate or graduate students.

Incomplete applications will not be considered. Limit one application per faculty member per funding cycle. Faculty may reapply in the fifth semester after receiving an earlier award. For example, if the grant is approved in Spring 2021, recipients may not reapply until Fall 2023. Proof of IRB approval, when appropriate, is required prior to funding.

### **Evaluation Criteria:**

Applications will be reviewed by the CAHSS Research Advisory Committee, which will make recommendations to the Dean. Proposals will be judged on:

- Quality of the proposed project
- Feasibility of the work
- How the project will benefit from funding assistance.

### **Deadline & Questions:**

Completed proposals and supporting documents must be emailed as one pdf document by **February 15, 2021** to: [CAHSS\\_R.zwbv62trb19acj63@u.box.com](mailto:CAHSS_R.zwbv62trb19acj63@u.box.com) All questions should be directed to Associate Dean Preminda Jacob ([pjacob2@umbc.edu](mailto:pjacob2@umbc.edu))

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**APPLICATION: COVER SHEET**

APPLICANT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM: \_\_\_\_\_

ACADEMIC RANK: \_\_\_\_\_

E MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PROJECT TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT EXTERNAL OR INTERNAL (including sabbatical) RESEARCH SUPPORT (NOTE THE PRECISE START AND END DATES FOR CURRENT RESEARCH):
PREVIOUS 5 YEARS EXTERNAL OR INTERNAL RESEARCH SUPPORT (INCLUDE DATES AND AMOUNTS):
OTHER CONCURRENT OR PENDING APPLICATIONS? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please specify source (select all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> UMBC START <input type="checkbox"/> UMBC SURFF <input type="checkbox"/> CIRCA Summer Fellowship <input type="checkbox"/> DRESHER Summer Fellowship <input type="checkbox"/> CS3 Summer Fellowship Other:

***I have read and accept the conditions of the CAHSS Dean's Research Support during COVID-19 program:***

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

CHAIR'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_