The Dean’s Rapid Response Relevant Grant (R3), will provide up to $10,000 in funding for one-year grant awards. Lower requests are encouraged. All full-time faculty of the College of Nursing and Health Professions (CNHP) at Drexel University are eligible to apply. The goal of this new mechanism is to support promising scholarship activity that is time bound and which can lead to other sources of funding or publication(s).

Who is eligible to apply?

All CNHP full-time faculty. Pre-doctoral students and post-doctoral fellows are not eligible for this award but are encouraged to be included as members of the investigative team.

How to apply:

Please send via email the application proposal (up to 3 pages), budget and brief budget justification (not to exceed 1 page), and curriculum vitae or biosketches of members of the investigative team as PDF documents to Jim Bergey at jwb53@drexel.edu. Please direct questions regarding application procedures to Jim Bergey as well.

How will applications be reviewed?

Applications will be reviewed by a small committee, appointed by the Dean, composed of faculty, staff and students. The Dean will make the final determination of funding based on the committee’s scores/ranking of applications using the following criteria: significance and relevance to health care needs/societal trends; scientific merit; appropriateness of proposed project for advancing an applicant/team’s scholarship; potential for securing other funding; and feasibility of being accomplished in one year.

Key Dates:

- **Application Due:** January 20, 2019 by 5pm
- **Funding decision:** By March 1, 2019.
- **Start Date:** March 1, 2019 or upon receipt of IRB approval, if relevant
What are the criteria for applying to this mechanism? The project must:

1. Involve two or more disciplines (from the Drexel University community only) and, if applicable, a community partner;
2. Be either a research, teaching or practice related pilot;
3. Be theory-based and grounded in evidence supporting the direction of the proposal;
4. Be based on an identified societal trend and/or demonstrated clinical or pedagogical need;
5. Lead to a publication and preferably a grant submission (intramural, foundation, federal or industry);
6. Be completed within one year;
7. Include a commitment of the investigative team to participate in two Tuesday Topics to share: 1) the project idea and then subsequently 2) project outcomes;
8. Include a commitment to produce a final report in the form of a brief slide presentation that can be repurposed for a professional presentation, serve as the basis for a publication, and/or serve as an outline for a manuscript or grant application for future submission;
9. Have a budget request of up to $10,000 that does not include salary offset or travel to conferences. The budget can, however, be used to pay for a research assistant, equipment, supplies, study participant honorarium, travel to collect data, other costs associated with data collection efforts, or consultants. Projects closer to $5,000 are most desirable.

Although not limited to these areas, of particular interest are projects related to:

1. Dementia
2. Caregiving
3. Social determinants of health (including measurement of in health assessments)
4. Health and the environment
5. Aging in place
6. Cognitive health across the lifespan
7. Innovation in workforce preparation for an aging society

Exemplar ideas include but are not limited to:

- Conducting semi-structured interviews or focus groups to advance intervention and/or manual development;
- Conducting an open trial to pilot test and iteratively revise an intervention protocol and/or manual;
- Conducting a needs assessment;
- Developing and evaluating an educational program;
- Generating and/or pilot testing items for a new instrument’s fidelity;
- Generating and/or pilot testing acceptability of a procedure, strategy, or intervention to assess using social determinants as an outcome measure;
- Translating and evaluating a protocol, instrument, educational materials or evidence in a particular setting (classroom, clinical);
- Developing and evaluating an approach to enhance cultural humility among students and/or health professionals;
DEAN’s RAPID RESPONSE
RELEVANT (R3) GRANT

Format

The proposal is limited to 3 pages (not including references, budget and budget justification). Single space with one inch margins; Times New Roman or Arial; 11 font. The proposal should include the following sections and content. Please be sure that all sections are internally consistent and there is a logical transition between sections. Prior to submission, please have a colleague or mentor carefully read the proposal for clarity and accuracy, in particular the Methods subsections.

TITLE OF PROJECT:

CATEGORY:
Categorize as Research, Teaching or Practice

PRIMARY INVESTIGATOR AND PROJECT TEAM:
Name, Title, Role and Department

ABSTRACT
One paragraph briefly describing relevance, aims, approach, and potential outcome.

OBJECTIVE OR SPECIFIC AIM:
Clearly state the objective or specific aim. State the hypothesis if applicable. The objective or specific aim is a statement of what you hope to learn or discover.

BACKGROUND AND SIGNIFICANCE:
- Identify the problem or knowledge need addressed by the project.
- Provide rationale on why the problem or knowledge need is important.
- Summarize the theory, model, and/or research that supports the need for the project. Cite key references.
- State anticipated outcomes and potential impact (don't be overly ambitious!).

METHODS:
- Design
- Participants (including plan for recruitment)
- Tests / Measures / Instrumentation
- Procedures
- Data Analysis

TIMELINE AND ROLES:
Provide a table of key activities and timeline for completion in 1 year. Briefly indicate the roles and responsibilities of each investigator.
DISSEMINATION PLAN AND NEXT STEPS:
- State how project findings will be disseminated.
- Indicate how achievement of the objectives / specific aims will inform further scholarship/research including grant submissions when applicable.

BUDGET AND JUSTIFICATION:
Please list each item requested followed by a short justification. Note: line items will vary with proposal.

**Personnel**
- Research assistant / student
- Community service provider who will collect data
- Statistical consultant
- Expert consultant from outside the College
- Transcription services

**Non-Personnel**
- Investigator travel to collect data
- Participant parking voucher / honorarium
- Supplies
- Software
- Equipment
- Measures

Funds may not be used to support the effort of the investigative team or for registration, travel, hotel for conferences.

**Budget Form**
Request can be up to $10,000. **Lower requests are encouraged and preferred.**
Please describe all line items in a brief budget justification.

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