



Request for Proposals Voucher Seed Grants

Proposals are to be submitted electronically to sbsrc@unl.edu. We will review project applications monthly from December 2016 through April 2017. Applications received by 11:59 p.m. on the final day of the month will be considered in the following month.

DESCRIPTION: The Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Consortium (SBSRC) will award 5 to 10 research vouchers for the 2016-2017 fiscal year (i.e., funds used prior to June 30, 2017). **Monthly reviews will be conducted until the available funds have been awarded.**

The goal of this program is to support faculty research in **new collaborations** with one or more of the existing research support units at UNL.

Award Amount: Voucher grants up to a maximum of \$5,000.

Scope:

- Preference is given to support research that targets an area where there are established or emerging opportunities for obtaining competitive federal funding.
- A portion of the voucher support is earmarked for projects advancing minority health research.
- The outcome expected is the completion of a research activity that links faculty to UNL research support operations and leads to published research and/or grant submissions.
- This specific opportunity is designed to support new collaborations, not to supplement current research collaborations. Preference will be given to researchers who have not previously been awarded an SBSRC voucher.

Eligibility:

- Applicant must be a faculty member in a University of Nebraska System campus.
- The voucher support will be for the faculty member to work with one of the UNL social and behavioral research support operations. Researchers are encouraged to contact the SBSRC (sbsrc@unl.edu) to identify which unit(s) would best fit their needs if this is not known. Centers and units providing a range of services that support research include:
 - Academy for Child and Family Well Being
 - Bureau of Sociological Research
 - Center for Brain, Biology and Behavior
 - Center for Children, Families and the Law
 - Central Plains Research Data Center
 - Methodology and Evaluation Research Core Facility
 - Minority Health Disparities Initiative
 - Nebraska Center for Research on Children, Youth, Families and Schools
 - Public Policy Center
- This list is not exhaustive. For example, it does not list specific service units housed within centers. Applicants may inquire with SBSRC regarding the eligibility of other UNL research support services for voucher assistance.



Review Process:

- Proposals will be reviewed and prioritized for funding based upon the selection criteria below.
- Announcement of awards will typically be made approximately mid-month from November 2016 through April 2017 (or until funds are exhausted).
- Award funding will be available at the time of the announcement, and the vouchers will be issued to the selected support units by no later than June 30, 2017.

Selection Criteria:

All proposals must target a specific research product that builds **new collaborative research ties** and must address the following:

- Scholarly merit of the proposed work (main selection criterion).
- Potential to increase competitiveness of an application to a specific external funding mechanism.

Proposal Instructions:

Applications for internal awards will only be accepted as PDF files submitted electronically. ***Paper applications will not be accepted.***

1. **A 1-page proposal** which includes information on the project, the research partners, and the anticipated product:
 - a. Introduction**
 - Provide background/rationale for project, including significance.
 - List project's long-term goals and short-term objectives.
 - b. Proposed plan**
 - Brief overview of the work plan with voucher research support unit.
 - Statement verifying that lead PI or team has not previously worked with the unit or has not used the unit for the type of services sought as part of the proposed work.
 - Identify specific research activities that will be accomplished with this funding.
 - c. Project Timeline**
 - Basic timeline of activities and projected date for final research product.
2. **2-page biographical sketch/vitae summary** for the requesting faculty.
3. **Project Budget:** Brief budget from the research support unit for the proposed activity.

If you have questions about the submission process, please contact Dan Hoyt (402-472-2108, dhoyt2@unl.edu) or Mindy Anderson-Knott (402-472-7218, mandersonknott2@unl.edu) in the Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Consortium