

Award Announcement:

Travel Awards for Research Grant Enhancement (TARGET Initiative)

OVERVIEW:

Faculty visits to granting agencies can reap significant benefits. For junior faculty, it can increase participation on review panels, awareness of future calls for funding, and networking with agency staff. For senior faculty, it can create mentoring opportunities and bolster multidisciplinary teams to develop stronger grant proposals.

The UF Office of Research announces an announcement of a campus-wide call for proposals to the TARGET (Travel Awards for Research Grant Enhancement) program in support of team science. The fall 2019 call funded approximately 100 faculty, and with financial support from the Provost, at the rate \$2000 for airfare, hotel, meals and incidentals for travel completed by June 2020 to:

- Support grantsmanship efforts. Most teams will spend a few days interacting with program staff at one or more major funding agencies in Washington DC, but other venues will be considered.
- Team leads must be senior faculty (Associate Professor or higher) identified within each team, who lead on submitting the team's TARGET proposal to their respective college. A senior faculty member may lead on only one (1) proposal, and each team is allowed to submit one proposal only. Junior faculty may be members of more than one team.
- Team themes are flexible and can be defined broadly – teams are expected to leverage their TARGET awards to prepare competitive proposals.
- All team members will be responsible for their own travel logistics, and they are expected to:
 - Engage in all scheduled group activities,
 - Share their biosketch with agency staff, and
- Volunteer to provide ad hoc proposal reviews and serve on grant review panels.

ELIGIBILITY:

Teams may include faculty from one or more colleges including IFAS, College of Education, Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, College of Pharmacy, College of Public Health and Health Professions and Florida Museum of Natural History are eligible to apply. Faculty from units other than those listed above may travel with TARGET teams, but they are not eligible for TARGET program funds. TARGET teams already funded under the fall 2019 call may submit supplemental proposals to expand their existing team.

SUBMISSION PROCESS:

While PPHP's Office of Research is currently NOT accepting any applications at this time: We ask PPHP team leads to submit proposals to Dr. Linda Cottler's Administrative Assistant, [Zoe Martusewicz](#). Proposals will be evaluated for funding on a rolling basis as they are received.

The information requested includes:

- Faculty team information (names, units, emails). Team size is flexible, with 5-10 being typical.
- Summary of the team theme, including details of the planned agency visit(s) and expected outcomes (max. 1000 words)

SELECTION PROCESS:

Proposals will be evaluated to determine:

- Relevance of the team theme to contemporary research needs,
- Readiness of the team lead and members to prepare competitive proposals, and
- Expected outcomes and impacts to faculty research programs

FOLLOW-UP PROCESS:

A report is expected (max. 1 page) no more than 30 days after travel, describing programs initiated or strengthened, agency linkages established including those programs targeted for future funding, and next steps. The report should be submitted through the same site used for proposal submission.