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Research Initiation Grants Request for Proposals

DESCRIPTION

Research initiation grants are intended to seed projects that can lead to research collaboration between social scientists and engineers in the Swanson School of Engineering. Our goal is to help advance multidisciplinary research that will lead to highly competitive applications for external funding and have broad impact on scholarship, industry practice, and public policy.

This grant program is part of a larger effort to promote research collaboration that brings together scholars from a broad range of academic disciplines and schools in order to help address the multifaceted challenges faced by industry. We encourage a field-based research approach, in order to help direct scholars to the most challenging and relevant problems faced by modern business and non-profit organizations.

AWARD AMOUNT

Awards will range between \$4,000 and \$8,000 for one year. Successful grantees would be encouraged to reapply for similar initiation grants for up to three consecutive years, based on demonstrated research progress and potential for success in obtaining external funding.

Use of funds will be limited to covering costs associated with the initiation of the research project such as data collection, field research, and project-related travel. Funds may not be used for faculty salaries or to purchase equipment.

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

This grant program is open to scholars throughout North America. The principal investigator must be a faculty member in a social science department or professional school, or be part of a team consisting of Swanson School faculty members and social scientists.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Proposals will be evaluated based on their industry and/or policy relevance, scholarship, and potential for fostering collaboration between social scientists and engineers. Proposals are especially encouraged by faculty members from the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University and from research teams that already include at least one member of the Swanson School of Engineering faculty.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENT

Proposals should include a completed application form, curriculum vita for the project's principal investigator, and a brief bio of no more than one page for each key team member. Additionally, the proposal should include a brief abstract, up to four pages, describing the intent of the project, its methodologies, and possible impact in terms of scholarship and industry practice or public policy. The abstract also should include a statement describing the proposed uses for the grant.

DELIVERABLES

Recipients are expected to submit a brief progress report within 30 days of the end of the grant period describing research accomplishments and actual use of the funds.



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