Research, Innovation and Scholarly Engagement (RISE) Program

The RISE Program funds projects that will strengthen the College's viability as a contributor to the overall success of the University by supporting research and scholarly productivity. Priority will be given to projects that investigate areas of research with significant impact and high likelihood of external funding or engage in research and scholarship of substantial value to the humanities.

Faculty members who receive a RISE award are expected to generate a scholarly product or grant proposal for submission to an external sponsor. Two awards of up to $10,000 will be awarded with a grant period of one year.

Eligibility
- Full-time Tenured or Tenure- track faculty
- No more than four faculty members per application
- Collaboration with other UH colleges are allowed; however, a CLASS faculty member must be the lead Principal Investigator, with no more than 25% of project budget allocated to non-CLASS team members or departments
- Faculty who have received a previous CLASS Internal grant who are delinquent on any reports are ineligible
- Applicants may submit no more than one proposal

What the Grant Will Not Fund
- Travel in pursuit of extramural funding
- Conference attendance
- Training support
- Faculty Salaries
- Projects focused on curriculum development
- Projects previously funded under the Research Progress and Project Completion grants

Proposal Submission
Please email all application materials to CLASSGrt@uh.edu (exactly as written; do not use the CENTRAL.uh.edu address) by the designated due date. Please write in the subject line "RISE Program". Late submissions will not be accepted.

Proposal Format Requirements
Please combine in a one page pdf document:

- Narrative- Maximum 5 pages, double spaced, 12 point font
    - Describe project significance, methods, and expected outcomes
    - Emphasize value and impact of project (particularly for humanities projects)
    - Explain why the project would be competitive for external funding (for grants-oriented disciplines)
    - Describe project work plan, including timelines

- Budget and Budget Justification (required)
  - If working in teams, please indicate which line items will be allocated to non-CLASS faculty
- Curriculum Vitae (one for each team member, 2 pages maximum)
- Rationale for team members
- Current and Pending Support

Incomplete proposals will not be reviewed.

Review Criteria

Preference will be given to high- return projects utilizing an interdisciplinary approach, with clearly articulated work plans. Please keep in mind that the review committee is made up of reviewers from various disciplines. Therefore, proposals should be written for non-experts.

Intellectual Merit- What is the significance of the proposed project to the field? What is the novelty/ innovation? How will the proposed project advance research in the field?
Feasibility- What is the approach/design/methodology to be employed? Why is this a strong approach? Is this approach feasible within the parameters of this award?
Impact- How will the proposed project benefit the field as well as contribute to the College's research and scholarship activity? What is the potential benefit to society?

The prospect of obtaining external funding will be strongly considered for appropriate disciplines; however, the committee recognizes that funding patterns vary across disciplines. While a plan for obtaining external funding for humanities projects is encouraged, it will not be weighted as heavily as projects in the social or health science disciplines.

Human Subjects Review/Animal Usage

Please be advised that all projects involving human subjects must be reviewed and approved by the Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects before the funds will be transferred. Proof of approval is required.

All projects involving the use of animals in research must be reviewed and approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee before the funds will be transferred. Proof of approval is required.

Reporting

All grantees must submit a Project Report by January 31, 2024. Project Report templates can be found on the CLASS website on the Internal Grants link. In addition to the Project Report, grantees will be required to submit a follow up survey, detailing any external grant submissions, publications or creative works resulting from the RISE grant. The due date will be exactly one year from the end of the grant period, December 31, 2024. A report template will be sent from the CLASS Research Development Administrator closer to the due date. Failure to comply with reporting requirements will disqualify grantees from future consideration for CLASS internal awards. Please submit all reports to CLASSGrt@uh.edu by the designated due dates.

Schedule

November 5, 2022	Deadline for applications
December 2022	Announcement of awards
January 1, 2023- December 31, 2023	Project period
January 31, 2024	Project report due
December 31, 2024	Follow- up survey

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PI:	Rank:	Department:
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PI Email:	Phone #:	Alt Phone#:
Amount Requested:		
Please list internal funding received within the last 5 years. List award year as well as amount awarded.		
Project Title:		

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Faculty Member   Date

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Department Chair   Date

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Budget

Budget Item	Funds Requested	Other Funds	Total
SALARIES & WAGES (identify function)			
Research Assistants			
Student Wages			
Non- Student Wages			
FRINGE BENEFITS			
MAINTENANCE & OPERATION (supplies, services, copying, postage)			
TRAVEL (may be subject to State of Texas guidelines)			
Equipment (specify)			
TOTAL PROJECT COST			

Budget Justification *required*. Attach additional sheet if necessary. Please provide supporting documentation.