

The Consortium is **directed** by the Anne Braden Institute for Social Justice Research and the Muhammad Ali Institute for Peace & Justice, in **collaboration** with the Brandeis Laboratory for Citizenship, Commonwealth Institute of Kentucky, and the HSC Office of Diversity and Inclusion, **together** building a social justice research **network of community, faculty, students and staff** at the University of Louisville.



Consortium Funding Opportunity - 2020 Call for Proposals

The Consortium is pleased to offer 2020 funding to transdisciplinary social justice research (TDR) teams led by UofL faculty. The Consortium is offering mini-grants and student funding for the initiation or completion of transdisciplinary social justice research or creative activity project that is community-engaged. Available funds are more limited than in the first three-year cycle, as the Consortium is now sustained by continued support from deans, departments, and other UofL offices (such as the HSC Office of Diversity and others).

The Consortium will award up to nine (9) \$2500 mini-grants of \$2500 per team. Funding is also available to support up to 12 Graduate Student research positions (part-time at \$15/hour) and up to 12 Undergraduate Research Fellowships to support social justice transdisciplinary research (TDR) research teams. TDR teams applying for mini-grants may also request student support and should identify in their proposals the type of student support that is needed. The Consortium will no longer match student researchers with teams, so faculty applicants should identify their own students. We will, however, post a call for interested students to submit applications, providing a potential corps of interested students. We will then rely on faculty researchers to identify students from that corps for their teams. All student funding is required to be managed by the TDR team to which the student reports.

Teams should consider providing a small honoraria for community partners from their mini-grant funds (up to \$500). Guidelines are provided below.

The available funding includes:

1. **Direct mini-grants.** \$2,500 grants for the purpose of TDR project initiation or project completion. We anticipate offering up to 9 of these grants. Faculty course release funds are no longer available.
2. **Graduate student support.** The Consortium can provide funding for graduate student *hourly* work. We anticipate funding up to 12 graduate students with one-semester funding support (10 hours per week for 10 weeks at \$15.00 per hour). Funding may be available for up to 2 semesters, subject to the review of all proposals.
3. **Undergraduate student support.** The Consortium has dedicated funding for up to 12 undergraduate research fellowships. The undergraduate fellowship stipend is \$500 per semester for an average of 5 hours per week of research assistance

Proposal Guidelines

Deadline for these short proposals is November 20, 2020. All materials should be submitted electronically to transdis@louisville.edu, CCing co-PI's Cate Fosl and Enid Trucios-Haynes.

Requests will be accepted for both mini-grants and student support, and applicants may request both. To qualify:

1. Proposal must fund a transdisciplinary research team of UofL faculty. Transdisciplinarity as defined by the Consortium consists of the participation of faculty from more than 1 UofL College or School, or more than 2 departments from within any one College or School, as well as a community partner.
2. Priority will be given to teams containing UofL student research assistants.
3. Priority will be given to diverse research teams and/or projects that center anti-racism.
4. Priority will be given to project completion grants for recipients of 2019 Consortium funds who received only one year of Consortium support.

Mini-grant proposal:

1. A two page proposal addressing the following:
 - a. research question(s) and status of project (new, in progress, completion)
 - b. description of transdisciplinarity of the project and names, identifying info on all participating faculty and students
 - c. name and contact info of community partner and short description of nature of partnership, their engagement with various stages of research
 - d. proposed scholarly *and* social change outcomes (includes policy, cultural, or decision-making changes)
 - e. timeline
2. CV for each participating faculty (1-2 pages)
3. A proposed budget and budget explanation (2 pages or less)

Student Funding:

1. Requests for either graduate or undergraduate student funding should be limited to 2 pages and must include the following:
 - a. Your name, names of research team members, and project title (and a brief project description if not submitted in conjunction with mini-grant proposal)
 - b. Name, rank, dept., or program of student you propose to hire if known (if you have not identified a student, please indicate so, and include any needed skills or rank)
 - c. Brief description of anticipated type of research work student will do
 - d. Any planned or in-progress scholarly and/or social change outcomes or publications involving student
 - e. Proposed budget and budget explanation, including time frame and no. of anticipated student hours

All proposals will be peer reviewed by a transdisciplinary panel, and decisions will be announced on or around December 11, 2020, with funds to be dispersed early in Spring semester 2020. Please send any inquiries to transdis@louisville.edu.