Institute for Community and Society Transformation (ICAST)

Seed Grant Opportunity

The Institute for Community and Society Transformation (ICAST) is pleased to announce three 20K seed grant funding opportunities. One purpose of this opportunity is to foster the creation and/or development of multi-disciplinary research teams in key areas related to community and society transformation. A second purpose is to increase competitiveness of OU multi-disciplinary research teams to compete for external funding. In line with ICAST's mission and strategic plan, this seed grant opportunity focuses on proposals that align with any of the following areas of emphasis. Proposals may focus within or across these areas.

Areas of Interest

Equity and Opportunity – Improve understanding and awareness of equities, disparities, and/or opportunities with respect to education, health, carceral systems, refugees/migrants/displaced people or other areas of community and societal concern.

Data, Technology, and Society – Understand technology impacts in particular work contexts (e.g., automation, AI, digital health, data, and information systems) for employees, organizations, nature of the work, and/or workforce development needs; Roles of technology in building and/or rejuvenating communities; Roles, risks and opportunities of technology in maintaining and improving the health of democratic societies.

Native Nations Sovereignty and Cultural Continuance – Oklahoma offers unprecedented opportunities to partner with Native Nations to advance work in the areas of sovereignty and cultural continuance (e.g., Native health, language, archives/museums, education, energy development, sustainable land and resource use). Many types of projects could further research, scholarship, and creative activity in these areas.

Submission Details

We encourage submissions from investigators from any of the Norman campus programs, including those located in Tulsa. Please submit a two- to three-page summary of your research idea that includes a purpose, description of research activities, budget and justification for a 20K project, targeted/possible future funding opportunities, and a description of the team members. **Each team must include two or more members drawn from different disciplines**.

Expectations for Funded Teams

1. Provide a 1-page progress report to ICAST at the 6-month mark
2. Present project at a future ICAST networking session during the 1-year performance period
3. Provide a 3-page summary at end of the project summarizing findings and future plans. This summary should include identifying one or more potential funding opportunities that the team has or will pursue that aligns with the project's topic or theme.

Anticipated Timeline

- If you have questions, please email Brittany Hott (bhott@ou.edu)
- Due Date – **Monday, May 15th, 2022 – submit via email to Shane Connelly and Paul Spicer (sconnelly@ou.edu and paul.spicer@ou.edu)**
- Proposal review period – May 16th to May 31st, 2022
- We anticipate making up to 3 awards of 20K each for this opportunity.
- Award announcements – between June 1st and 3rd, 2022
- Performance period – June 15th 2022 to June 14th, 2023