

Spring 2026 Internal Grant Competition - Grant Types: Travel / Publication / SEED / New Collaborative

Criteria	Travel Grant	Publication Grant	SEED Grant	New Collaborative
1. Overall Clarity & Rationale	Purpose of travel clear (conference, fieldwork, collaboration) Contribution to professional development and research dissemination Advancement of research or scholarly networking	Publication focus and contribution clear Timely and significant to academic or policy fields Addresses gap in knowledge -Manuscript is close to completion	Project is clearly defined and relevant Addresses a health, social science, education, or community need? Expected outcomes and benefits are clear -Research problem, objectives, and background clear	-Research problem, objectives, and background are clearly articulated -Project demonstrates originality and significance -Rationale for interdisciplinary collaboration clear -Expected contributions to research, policy, or community knowledge are defined
2. Feasibility & Planning	Travel dates/logistics realistic Plan for travel outputs (presentation, data, collaboration) Contingency for disruptions	Publication achievable within timeframe Methods, writing plan, co-author responsibilities clear Access to resources/data is realistic	Activities achievable within proposed timeline Team has necessary skills/stakeholder connections Ethical considerations and community engagement addressed -methods and research approach clear	-Project activities and timeline are realistic and achievable - Roles of collaborators clearly defined -Team meets eligibility requirements and demonstrates expertise -Plan for student training and mentorship (prioritizing FCS students) described
3. Budget & Justification	Funds reasonable for travel, accommodation, related costs Costs justified relative to outcomes Alternative funding sources considered	Funds reasonable for publication costs (fees, editing, open access) Costs justified for dissemination/accessibility Publication feasible without other funds	Funds appropriate for research, outreach, materials, personnel Other funding sources considered -FCS student research assistant training supported where applicable	Budget items appropriate and within maximum request -Clear justification for personnel, research costs, and travel -Research assistant costs align with institutional guidelines Future funding plans identified where relevant
4. Potential Impact	Enhances visibility or collaboration Plan to disseminate knowledge beyond personal benefit (seminars, workshops) Contributes to academic, policy, or community impact	Reaches intended audience (academic, policy, practitioner) Knowledge mobilization beyond publication (talks, briefs, social media) Enhances institutional or disciplinary reputation	Clear academic, policy, or community impact Knowledge mobilization and engagement with non-academic audiences Supports long-term capacity-building or future research	- Demonstrates potential academic, policy or community impact -Clear plan to share outcomes with relevant audiences -Collaboration positions the team for future external funding opportunities