

## **Request for Proposals: TCRC Student Research Grants**

*Tisch College Community Research Center at Tufts University*



The Tisch College Community Research Center at Tufts (TCRC) is a collaborative of Tufts researchers and community representatives from Boston, Cambridge, Somerville, Medford, and Grafton. This RFP solicits requests for micro-grants to support community-engaged student research. Undergraduate and graduate students at Tufts from all disciplines are welcome to apply.

For more information about TCRC and previously funded research, see: <https://tischcollege.tufts.edu/research/tcrc>

### **Application Guidelines and Requirements:**

#### **RESEARCH and COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:**

1. Projects must have a community partner.
2. Projects must be primarily research.
3. Preference will be given to proposals that address urgent or overlooked issues identified by community groups and/or issues related to Tufts host communities (Somerville, Boston Chinatown, Boston Mission Hill, Medford, Grafton/Worcester)

### **Grant Specifications:**

Funding opportunity: A limited number of individual micro-grants of \$100-500 are available, which must be spent for research expenses and *not used as compensation for the student researcher*.

Applications should specify whether they will involve human subjects. All projects involving human subjects as research participants will have to be submitted for approval or exemption to the Tufts Institutional Review Boards. Projects requiring human subjects approved protocols should anticipate the time that will be needed for approval as well as training of research team members, including community partners.

More information is available here: <https://viceprovost.tufts.edu/sberirb/about>

### **Rolling deadline until June 1, 2021, 5:00 PM EST.**

***\*\* Early application is recommended as there is a limited number of awards available. \*\****

Funding must be spent by **January 31, 2022**

Final report due: **March 1, 2022**

Applications should consist of a single-page narrative (Times New Roman 12-point type, 1-inch margins), not including references. The narrative should include: (1) a description of the issue to be addressed that would be clear to someone not in the field; (2) a description of the project proposed; (3) who will conduct the research; and (4) a timeline.

In addition to the one-page narrative, applications should include a short budget overview and signed letters of agreement from partners. Signed letters must be included on letterhead from all partners indicating that they have agreed to participate in the proposal. Letters can be brief.

Please submit final applications as an email attachment (single PDF document) to [elaine.donnelly@tufts.edu](mailto:elaine.donnelly@tufts.edu). Applications without a proposed budget and partner letters will not be considered. For more information, please contact Elaine Donnelly, Director of TCRC, at [elaine.donnelly@tufts.edu](mailto:elaine.donnelly@tufts.edu).

***\*\*\* NOTE: The funded application(s) will be eligible for technical assistance from TCRC during the implementation of the research, if requested by the student grantee. \*\*\****