Tisch College Community Research Center at Tufts

Request for Proposals: Student Research Grants

The Tisch College Community Research Center at Tufts (TCRC) is a collaborative of Tufts researchers and community representatives from Boston, Cambridge, Somerville, and Medford. 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 on our previously funded pilot projects, see: http://activecitizen.tufts.edu/research/tcrc/tcrc-research/).

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, Medford, Grafton)

Grant Specifications:

Funding available: micro-grants of $100-300 for each application, which must be spent for research expenses and not used as compensation for research team members.

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. Details are available here: http://www.tufts.edu/central/research/IRB/

Submission deadline: **November 10, 5:00 PM**
Funding must be spent by: **June 30, 2019**
Final report will be due: **August 31, 2019**

Applications should consist of no more than 1 page (Times New Roman 12-point type, 1 inch margins) of narrative, 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.

Signed letters must be included on letterhead from all partners indicating that they have agreed to participate in the proposal. Letters can be brief.

Final applications should be submitted as an email attachment (in a single PDF document) to dougbrugge@gmail.com.

For more information also contact Doug Brugge, Director of TCRC, via email at dougbrugge@gmail.com. Phone calls or meetings to discuss this RFP can be scheduled.

*NOTE: The funded application(s) will be eligible for technical assistance from the director and steering committee of TCRC during the implementation of the research should they seek it.*