

Catapult FY 2017

We are pleased to offer another round of Catapult Grant funding to College faculty.

The grant supports the development of research, teaching, or outreach focused projects. Projects that address the Quality of Life Transformational Impact Area.

The FAC and The CPI members (if research-based) conduct reviews. Our goal is to have reviews completed by December 1.

Note that if your project involves compliance issues (e.g. IRB or AUP approvals), funding will activate when approvals come in.

Changes from last year's format

1. There will be *only one round* of funding this year; note **due date of October 24, 5 pm CST**.
2. The average award size has increased.
3. Priority in final selection (all other factors equal) will be given to Lead PI's who have not yet received external research/contract funding and to those who have not yet received a Catapult grant.
4. Proposal text extends to 3 pages; short bio sketches are requested for all project team members (see attached template for more details).
5. If the Lead PI received a Catapult grant last year, or if a new Lead PI is submitting a proposal that builds on last year's Catapult grant he/she participated in as a team member, a short progress report on last year's project will be required.

Eligibility

The Lead PI must hold a faculty appointment in the College; the majority of co-investigators will be College faculty but, if needed, expertise can be recruited from outside our College (within TAMU).

Please note recent update: Research professors of any rank will be eligible to serve as co-investigators or serve as lead PI, but only if they are not 100% supported currently on external funding as of December 1, 2016 (start date of these projects) and for the 18-month duration of the project.

Calendar

- **October 24, 2016:** Deadline for submission (by 5 pm)
- **November 18, 2016:** Selected proposals announced
- **December 1, 2016:** Awards activated pending IRB/IACUC approvals (as required)
- **December 1, 2017:** Interim reporting due (<1 page)
- **May 31, 2018:** End of project

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- **June 1, 2018:** Final report due

Award Limits

Research teams may request up to \$30,000; a total of \$270,000 allocates to this funding mechanism.

Budget Information

Student support, supplies, travel, consultant, participant costs - may NOT include faculty salary support.

Project Period

Catapult grants are for a maximum of 18 months. Remaining funds will be returned to the College within five days of the end of the grant period: **May 31, 2018**. Under extenuating circumstances, some can receive a six-month, no-cost extension.

Evaluation Criteria

Faculty members in the College of Education and Human Development will review the proposals based on the following criteria.

1. Alignment with Quality of Life Transformational Impact Area
2. Evidence that this work will lead to innovation, impact, and influence in the disciplinary area—what next steps does this project lead?
3. Feasibility of project within allotted timeframe and budget
4. Project team: expertise, inclusion of multiple disciplines
5. Priority consideration is given to proposals submitted by faculty who have not yet received external grants/contracts and to those who have not yet received a Catapult grant
6. If Lead PI received a Catapult grant last year, reporting on progress will be required

Format

Proposals should include the following:

- Executive Summary (<200 words)
- Rationale/Background
- Specific Aims/Objectives
- Project Activities/Study Design

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- Alignment with Quality of Life Transformational Impact Areas
- Next Steps (larger impact of this work - e.g., does it lead to a larger service project, an external grant application)
- Budget
- Report on Progress on Previous Catapult Award (if applicable, <1 page)
- Biosketches of Project Team Members (<2 pg each)
- Submitted as a PDF file.