

The University of Cincinnati Office of Research Society & Culture Research Advancement Program (formerly AHSS)

Building upon previous investments in arts, humanities, and social sciences (AHSS) and growing out of UC's **Next Lives Here Urban Futures Pathway: Society & Culture Initiative**, the Office of Research seeks to incentivize novel research, exceptional scholarship, and the production of creative and performing art works that creatively address issues of increasing societal significance.

This funding opportunity follows a one-step application process open to UC faculty whose proposed activities can be defined or characterized as arts-based, human-centered, or social, behavioral, and/or economic research that seeks to advance society & culture. The Society & Culture Program is now open on a rolling basis and the grant-funded performance period will be negotiated upon award. However, the application cut-off date is March 27, 2025. There is not an application budget limit per proposal.

Applicants are asked to consider, articulate, and ultimately measure how the proposed project will measurably impact society & culture. As high-level frames of reference, the Office of Research refers applicants to two impact frameworks:

[The Arts & Social Impact Explorer](#)

[United Nations Sustainable Development Goals \(UNSDGs\)](#)

KEY DATES

FOA Release: Wednesday, January 10, 2025

Application Cut-Off Date: Thursday, March 27, 2025 5:00 pm EST

Grantees Announced: Week of April 14, 2025 (*anticipated*)

Grant Performance Period: Varies

Eligibility & expectations:

- Eligible applicants include UC faculty members with at least an 80% FTE appointment;
- Faculty holding a primary appointment in one of UC's affiliates (CCHMC, VA and Shriners) are eligible to contribute effort to a team, but may not be the primary applicant;
- External collaborators are eligible and expected to contribute effort to the research team, but may not be primary applicant;
- Faculty at all stages in their career are eligible and encouraged to apply.

Application Information required

All applicants must provide their name, UC email, UC ID-number, college, department/unit, date of hire/appointment at UC, and proposal title within the form. Also, applicants are required to select the area designation (arts-based; human-centered; social, behavioral, economic) for review based on the proposed activities (which may differ from their department/unit home).

1. The application should contain the following information in the order listed below and will be submitted as a form. Figures/images may be included but cannot be used to exceed the page limit. No hyperlinks or redirects to external information may be included.
 - Research Project Ultimate Impact (Select from drop-down)
 - Title of Research Project
 - Name, Title, College, and Department of primary applicant
 - Names, Titles, College, & Department of internal/affiliate collaborators
 - Names, Titles, and Organization names of external collaborators
 - Problem Statement (1,000 character max) *What problem do you want to solve & why?*
 - Approach (1,000 character max) *How are you going to solve this problem?*
 - Outcome (1,000 character max) *What is the anticipated outcome*
 - Funds required/requested with brief explanation (1,000 character max)

Application Submission

As mentioned above, applicants must submit applications via a user-friendly e-form. When the form is ready to accept applications the live link to apply will be posted on the FOA for the Society & Culture program located at:

<https://research.uc.edu/funding/overview>.

Review Criteria

- Research project merit;
- Clarity, significance, and relevance of project & the problem the project addresses;
- Innovation/creativity/feasibility of the proposed approach;
- Suitability of the applicant/team to undertake and complete the proposed project;
- Compliance with Application Guidelines in the FOA.

Finalist Evaluation

All applications will be reviewed by the Office of Research Internal Funding Program Manager and Program Directors. Neither comments nor feedback on applications will be provided.

Awardee Terms & Conditions

1. Allowable costs are those listed in the primary applicant's proposal budget;
2. Grant funds cannot be used for direct support of CCHMC, VA or Shriner's employees and/or for supplemental salary for UC faculty;
3. Neither indirect costs nor graduate or undergraduate student tuition can be charged to research funded via Office of Research funds;
4. No-cost extensions are not allowable;
5. All related work and activities resulting from the internally funded research efforts must acknowledge "University of Cincinnati, Office of Research, (and the name the particular internal program)" as the research funding source;
6. Grantees agree to submit a brief final report ('impact report') which clearly indicates project outcomes, deliverables and impacts upon completion of the project at the end of the funding term.
7. Grantees agree to allow the UC Office of Research to the internally funded research project via the web, social media, news outlets, and the Office of Research newsletter, Findings.
8. By accepting these funds, you agree to serve as a reviewer for this and other UC Office of Research internal funding programs for two years following the date of award (FY26, FY27).

QUESTIONS?

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