The Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Initiative (SBSRI), with support from the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research both directly and via the Campus Research Board, seeks to provide financial support in the form of small grants to social and behavioral scientists at the University of Illinois.

The goal of this funding initiative is to expand social and behavioral science interdisciplinary research by supporting the creation of interdisciplinary teams of researchers, with the aim of applying for grants from external funding agencies like the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health.

The SBSRI small grants may range from $5,000 to $20,000 and are available to both faculty and staff at Illinois. Interdisciplinary groups at various stages of the research process are encouraged to apply for support. Applications will be accepted until May 1, 2018; applicants will be notified of the decision after May 15, 2018.

SBSRI small grants are intended to support activities that will result in the eventual submission of a proposal for external funding such as:

- The development of new, innovative research projects
- The creation of interdisciplinary networking groups
- Small pilot studies needed to support funding proposals

**SUBMISSION CRITERIA**

- New ideas that involve cross-disciplinary research
- A well-articulated plan of activities
- Teams comprised of investigators who come from different units/departments
- A clear contribution to the social and behavioral sciences
- A clear path to writing and submitting a funding proposal to a granting agency

**SBSRI SMALL GRANTS ARE NOT INTENDED TO SUPPORT**

- Expenditures generally made by departments and colleges (e.g., travel to professional conferences, seed money for an individual project)
- Delivery of outreach programs or services
- Student projects (master’s or dissertation research)
- Meetings or travel

**SUBMISSION PROCESS**

Applicants are asked to upload a three-page proposal via online submission form: https://forms.illinois.edu/sec/2080513. The proposal should state:

- The goal of the project
- The methods used to achieve the goal
- The way the financial support will be used
- The members of the team being assembled
SUBMISSION PROCESS (CONTINUED)

- The nature of the funding proposal to be written
- The funding announcement, if appropriate
- A current CV from each member of the team should be submitted along with the proposal.

PROGRESS REPORTS

A completed funding proposal will suffice for a progress report. If a funding proposal is not created as a result of the support within a year, investigators are expected to provide an annual project status update and a brief (one page) final report upon completing the project. These efforts allow us to track and report outcomes as well as monitor the success of our small grant program. If investigators wish to make changes to the project team, description, design, or budget during the course of your project, please send a request to socialscience@illinois.edu with the details of these changes.

PROGRESS REPORTS

If you have any questions about this funding opportunity, please contact socialscience@illinois.edu.