



## CALL FOR 2020 SEED GRANT PROPOSALS

ELIGIBILITY: ALL FULL-TIME JUNIOR FACULTY, AND GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY AND BARNARD COLLEGE

AMOUNT OF AWARD: \$1,500 – \$3,000

The [Center for Science and Society at Columbia University](#) (CSS) invites proposals for innovative interdisciplinary projects involving the study of science in society that require modest amounts of seed money to initiate collaborative research and programming. **Proposals should be for projects on the theme of Knowledge and Access.** Some examples of how this theme may be interpreted include: 1) equity in access to information, 2) health and technology across societies and groups within societies, 3) the displacement of people and publics due to lack of access, and inclusion and exclusion, 4) ethical use of technology and data and biases, 5) how quick and easy access to information affects and connects the past, present, and future, 6) expert knowledge and how it shapes the metrics, production, and evaluation of knowledge, 7) mobilizing for access to knowledge and its redistribution and, 8) how can we better access knowledge that is produced outside of the university setting.

All full-time **JUNIOR** faculty, students, and postdocs at Columbia University and Barnard College are eligible to apply, and proposals are welcomed especially from undergraduate and graduate students. Projects might include small research projects, support for a reading group, inviting a speaker, or a contribution to mounting a conference. Collaborative projects that involve participants from different disciplines (including professors and students of any rank and from any school at Columbia and Barnard) are encouraged. Grants can be combined with any other funding held by the applicants. Awards will normally be in the range of \$1,500-\$3,000. Projects must be completed and funds expended by June 30, 2020, with a possibility of a one-year extension.

### **Submitting Proposals**

To apply, please submit the following as a **single PDF document** by **5:00 p.m. EST on Friday, October 25, 2019** to Roshana Nabi, CSS Project Manager ([rn2019@columbia.edu](mailto:rn2019@columbia.edu)) with "Seed Grants for Interdisciplinary Projects in Science and Society" in the subject line of the email:

- Cover page, including title of proposal, principal investigator(s) and departmental affiliations, an executive summary of the project, and the total funding amount sought
- Proposal narrative with timeline of research (**no more than 3 pages in 12-point font**). Please include one paragraph on how your project connects to the theme of Knowledge and Access.
- Itemized projected budget
- CVs for each investigator

### **Conditions of Receipt**

Grant recipients must provide annual reports on project activities, including updates on external funding proposals (successful or unsuccessful), and any papers, publications, course syllabi, and/or reports resulting from seed grant activities. When applicable, research projects involving human subjects and/or animals must obtain (and keep current) approval from the appropriate University regulatory offices.

For more information, please contact CSS Project Manager Roshana Nabi at [rn2019@columbia.edu](mailto:rn2019@columbia.edu). There will be a voluntary meeting on October 3, 2019 to learn more about the theme, brainstorm and meet potential partners and collaborators. If interested in attending, please email [rn2019@columbia.edu](mailto:rn2019@columbia.edu) with your name and discipline.