CALL FOR 2021 SEED GRANT PROPOSALS

ELIGIBILITY: ALL FULL-TIME JUNIOR FACULTY, POSTDOCS, AND GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, TEACHERS COLLEGE, 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. We will be prioritizing projects that connect to our year-long theme of Knowledge and Access and/or focus on equity, diversity, and inclusion in policies, systems, and spaces in science and society. Please visit the CSS website to see some sample topics of exploration around this theme.

All full-time junior faculty, students, and postdocs at Columbia University, Teachers College, and Barnard College are eligible to apply, and proposals are welcomed especially from undergraduate and graduate students. Projects might include small research collaborations and pilot studies, organizing internal discussion groups and journal clubs, planning an event or 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 December 15, 2021, 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. ET on December 15, 2020 to scienceandsociety@columbia.edu with “Seed Grants for Interdisciplinary Projects in Science and Society” in the subject line of the email:

- Cover page, including (1) title of proposal, (2) principal investigator(s)/applicant(s) and their departmental affiliations, (3) an executive summary of the project, and (4) the total funding amount sought.
- Proposal narrative with a timeline of research and/or activities (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.
- Project budget with a line-by-line breakdown of all expenses.
- CVs for each investigator/applicant.

Conditions of Receipt
Grant recipients must provide annual reports on project activities, including updates on external funding proposals (successful or unsuccessful), and any events, 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.

If you have any questions, please contact scienceandsociety@columbia.edu.