CALL FOR 2022 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.

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 31, 2022, with a possibility of a one-year extension.

As part of the Center’s efforts to build an academic space that is more just, equitable, and accessible, and to foster diverse voices and audiences, we ask that each applicant consider how their proposed project may support the Center’s ongoing efforts to promote diversity, equity, inclusion, and anti-racism in policies, systems, and spaces in science and society. Please visit the CSS website for more information. You may also review information about our prior years’ theme of Knowledge and Access as a reference for projects.

Submitting Proposals
To apply, please submit the following as a single PDF document by 11:59 p.m. ET on January 15, 2022 to scienceandsociety@columbia.edu with “CSS Seed Grant Application” 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/abstract 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 a brief statement on how your project connects to the Center’s ongoing efforts to promote diversity, equity, inclusion, and anti-racism in policies, systems, and spaces in science and society.
- 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.