

COMMUNITY RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Prepare the following items to upload into the online application portal.

- 1. **Statement of interest** explaining your motivation for being a mentor, relevant expertise, and commitment to community-based research and student mentorship. (*One page maximum*)
- 2. Curriculum vitae (CV) highlighting relevant experience.
- 3. **Research Proposal** (Three pages maximum)
 - a. Tentative Title of project
 - b. Overview: Provide an overview of the research topic and its relevance to the community.
 - c. Indicate prospective community partners or organizations that your team will engage throughout the project.
 - d. **Research Objectives and Research Questions:** Clearly state the main research objectives and specific research questions that the project aims to address.
 - e. **Methodology:** Describe the research design, approach, and methods that will be used to achieve the research objectives.
 - f. **Community Engagement and Collaboration:** Detail how the community partners or stakeholders will be involved in the research process.
 - g. Describe the roles and responsibilities of the college undergraduates who will serve as Research Fellows on your team.
 - h. **Timeline:** Provide a realistic timeline that outlines the major stages of the research project.
 - i. **Expected Outcomes and Impact:** State anticipated outcomes, findings, or contributions the research project aims to achieve.
 - j. Explain how the research outcomes will benefit the community, advance knowledge, or inform policy/practice.
 - k. **Mentorship and Training:** Describe the mentorship and training provided to college undergraduates, including how they will be guided through the research process.
 - I. **Evaluation and Assessment:** Describe the methods for tracking progress and measuring the achievement of research objectives.
 - m. **Dissemination Plan:** Explain how the research findings will be communicated to the community, academic audiences, and other relevant stakeholders (in addition to the Washington DC Social Justice Summit).
- 4. **Budget** (Complete and upload the Community Research Grant Budget Template)
 Include an Itemized budget for all program-related expenses. Your budget must include the travel expenses for the Washington DC Social Justice Summit of up to \$800 per person (paid for by the grant).
 - Allowable expenses include supplies, travel, publication costs, conference registration fees to disseminate research project findings; and refreshments for community gatherings. Unallowable expenses: Entertainment expenses; Local individual expenses (meals, mileage, etc.); honoraria; membership dues.
- 5.**Signature of Authorized Organizational Representative** (*Use the AOR Approval Form*) Your institution's AOR must include a statement indicating that they have reviewed and approved your proposal and budget.