



**Interdisciplinary Collaborations Grants (ICG) Program**  
**Deadline: February 15, 2023**

**OVERVIEW**

The Interdisciplinary Collaboration Grants (ICG) Program provides funds to facilitate the development of collaborations at Binghamton University. This program is for investigators who seek to enhance their research opportunities through collaboration and may include projects that represent a new research agenda. Proposals from all areas of scholarship are encouraged. Funds may be requested for a wide range of interdisciplinary collaborative activities such as creative and artistic projects appropriate to the fine arts, traditional scholarly endeavors in the humanities and social sciences, and science and engineering projects. Proposals that involve faculty from more than one department are strongly encouraged, as are proposals from the humanities and social sciences. Projects funded through this program are expected to lead to the development of a proposal for external support. Twelve-month awards will be made for projects beginning June 1, 2023.

**PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY**

This program is not a bridge fund nor is it to support research in lieu of external grant funds. In the event that one or more of the Transdisciplinary Areas of Excellence (TAE) also issue a Seed Grant Call for Proposals this fall, faculty are encouraged to submit their proposals to the seed grant program that most appropriately fits their research. Please note that faculty may not submit the same proposal to more than one internal seed grant program. There is no restriction on the number of collaborations any individual may join. Collaborations may include individuals from off campus, but funding for other than Binghamton University personnel requires justification.

**REVIEW PANEL**

All proposals will be reviewed by the Advisory Committee for Scholarship and Research (ACSR). Consequently, it is essential that proposals communicate clearly to reviewers outside of the proposal discipline, what is being proposed and why it is important. The following are the criteria that proposals will be evaluated on.

1. Originality, significance, quality and future impact of the proposed research. (40%)
2. Ability to attract future federal, state, philanthropic or private funding. (40%)
3. Strength of record of achievement of the team. (20%) *(Please note-the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) will supply current and pending data to ACSR for the submitting teams.)*

**PROPOSAL PREPARATION**

Funding is available for two awards, each in the amount of \$10,000 for a maximum of one year. Applicants are encouraged to discuss proposal and budget preparation with the staff of OSP. Completed application packages must be submitted electronically to [buinternalgrants@binghamton.edu](mailto:buinternalgrants@binghamton.edu). The proposal deadline for the ICG program is 5:00 pm on February 15, 2023. Proposals should be submitted as one PDF file. Awards will be announced by April, 2023 for projects beginning June 1, 2023. Applicants are encouraged to submit non-proprietary content and clearly mark proprietary information, when applicable.

All proposals must contain the following elements, in one document:

- A. Proposal Cover Page (attached cover page must be used);
- B. Project Narrative (3 pages maximum, single spaced, one inch margins, 11 point font);
  - Describe the project, its significance, quality and future impact;

- Describe Principal Investigator (PI) and Co-PI contributions to the project. Discuss participation of post docs and/or students, if applicable;
  - Provide a brief statement of the benefits of this project to the University, if funded. Specifically address the increase in fundability or visibility that would be achieved;
  - Describe plans for seeking external support for this project based upon this collaboration. Include a listing of potential sponsors and timelines for proposal preparation.
- C. Literature Cited: Provide the key citations which relate directly to this project.
- D. Budget and Budget Justification: Funds for the period June 1, 2023-May 31, 2024 may be requested using the attached page.
- E. Biographical Sketches: Maximum two pages per investigator. (NSF style will be accepted, as will standard curriculum vitae format).

## **REPORTS**

The lead PI will be expected to provide a brief final report by August 15, 2024 summarizing the outcomes of the project gathered from the team, including any abstracts, publications, proposal submission activities, and invention disclosures (if applicable). Further, plans for submitting proposals to external funding agencies should be described. In addition, information on awarded projects (Title, PI team, and non-confidential abstract) will be posted to the Division of Research webpage. The project must be completed within the awarded timeframe. Budget revisions and requests for no-cost extensions will require approval. Awarded teams will also be asked for an update on project outcomes one year after project completion.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Questions about proposal preparation (including PI eligibility) or budgeting should be directed to OSP staff. Additional proposal questions may be addressed to William Kuhnel, [wkuhnel@binghamton.edu](mailto:wkuhnel@binghamton.edu).



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PROPOSAL COVER PAGE**

**Title of Project: ICG:**

**Principal Investigators and Departments:**

**Funding Requested:**

**Compliance Approvals Pending: (check all that apply):**

- Human Subjects       Biosafety Control       Radiological Control  
 Animal Care       Stem Cell Research

[Please note: Awards will not be released until all applicable approvals are received.]

**Project Abstract (200 words or less):**

## PROPOSAL BUDGET

**Personnel Costs:** (e.g., graduate students, undergraduate students, technical staff and associated fringe benefits). Summer salary, fellowships, and/or course buy-out to faculty are not allowed. If a graduate student is hired during the academic year, \$6,000 per semester must be budgeted for tuition; waivers of this policy must be requested from the appropriate academic dean.

### A. Salaries and Wages

Graduate Students \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Students: \_\_\_\_\_

% of time: \_\_\_\_\_% # of months: \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate Students \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Students: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of hours: \_\_\_\_\_ Hourly rate: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Personnel (*identify below*) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### B. Fringe Benefits

Graduate Students @13% \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate Students @6% \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other Personnel @41.5% \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### **Other Costs:**

C. Travel \$ \_\_\_\_\_

D. Materials and Supplies \$ \_\_\_\_\_

E. Tuition \$ \_\_\_\_\_

F. Other Expenses \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL REQUESTED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## BUDGET JUSTIFICATION

Please provide a brief explanation of specific items included in the budget categories above.