

Request for Proposals (Student Research Grants)

Tisch College Community Research Center at Tufts

The Tisch College Community Research Center at Tufts (TCRC) is a collaborative of Tufts researchers and community representatives from Boston, Cambridge, Somerville, and Medford. This RFP solicits requests for micro-grants to support community-engaged student research. Undergraduate and graduate students from all disciplines are welcome to apply. We hope that students who apply will also consider joining our list of students involved with community engaged research.

(For more information on our previously funded pilot projects, see:
<http://activecitizen.tufts.edu/research/tcrc/tcrc-research/>).

Application Guidelines and Requirements:

RESEARCH and COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

1. Projects must have a community partner.
2. Projects must be primarily research.
3. Proposals could address urgent or overlooked issues identified by community groups and/or issues related to Tufts host communities (Somerville, Boston Chinatown, Medford, Grafton)

Grant Specifications:

1. Funding available: micro-grants of \$100-300 for each application, which must be spent for research expenses and *not used as compensation for research team members*.
2. Funding must be spent by June 1, 2017.
3. A final report on the project must be submitted by June 30, 2017.
4. The report needs to include research process and community involvement in the research.

OTHER APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Applications should specify whether they will involve human subjects. All projects involving human subjects as research participants will have to be submitted for approval or exemption to the Tufts Institutional Review Boards. Projects requiring human subjects approved protocols should anticipate the time that will be needed for approval as well as training of research team members, including community partners. Details are available here: <http://www.tufts.edu/central/research/IRB/>

Submission process:

DEADLINE: Wednesday, March 15, 5:00 PM

Applicants can, in advance of the deadline for submission, seek help with finding a community partner from TCRC.

Applications should consist of no more than 1 page (Times New Roman 12-point type, 1 inch margins) of narrative, not including references. The structure of the narrative is discretionary.

Signed letters, on letterhead, from all partners indicating that they have agreed to participate in the proposal must be included.

Final applications should be submitted as an email attachment (in a single PDF document) to dougbrugge@gmail.com. For more information contact Doug Brugge, Director of TCRC, via email at dougbrugge@gmail.com. Phone calls or meetings to discuss this RFP can be scheduled.

NOTE: The funded application(s) will be eligible for technical assistance from the director and steering committee of TCRC during the implementation of the research should they seek it.