

## 2016/2017 Connect and Collaborate Grants – Call for Concept Proposals

1. **Purpose.** The 2016/2017 Connect and Collaborate Grants Program incentivizes faculty, staff, students and their respective public/private sector community partners to submit concept proposals with the potential to catalyze engaged, collaborative teaching and research activities benefiting the community with impactful, sustainable programs while advancing the scholarly goals of the university.
2. **Alignment with Priority Areas.** This program is designed to bring together multiple, available resources and leverage existing partnerships to develop programs/initiatives that achieve measurable, positive impacts in communities. Priority will be given to concepts that align with one or more of the following areas.

### A. International

- **Global One Health (GOH) Initiative** – As part of the Office of International Affairs, this initiative seeks to establish sustainable research, training and outreach projects focusing on cross-cutting issues impacting [One Health](#) (humans, animals, plants and their environment). It builds capacity to address complex issues while making a grass-roots impact. Since 2011, interdisciplinary activities have had a positive impact for Ohio State and local, national and international partners. The scope of projects includes: 1) collaborative approaches to prevent, detect and respond to antimicrobial biocides, micronutrients and their resultant resistance; 2) prevention and control of (re)-emerging communicable and non-communicable diseases; 3) development and testing of rapid, point-of-care, field-deployable detection tracking and therapeutic systems against communicable and non-communicable diseases; 4) evaluation of environmental risk factors that impact agricultural food systems, chronic diseases (such as cancer) and its outcomes; and 5) development of efficient digital and virtual systems for high impact capacity building, training, research and outreach.
- **Global Gateways** – The university has opened [Global Gateways](#) office locations in Shanghai, China (2010), Mumbai, India (2012), and São Paulo, Brazil (2014). The Gateways help the university maintain existing partnerships and explore new relationships with universities in these regions; collaborating on research, initiating study abroad programs and establishing the potential for internships. This program seeks to fund interdisciplinary projects addressing at least one of the [Discovery Themes](#): 1) food production and security; 2) health and wellness; 3) energy and environment; and 4) humanities and arts. Projects should foster opportunities for long term international collaboration in subsequent years.

### B. Ohio's 88 Counties

Ohio State is engaged in all of the state's 88 counties through well-established programs including the [OSU regional campuses](#), [OARDC Research Centers](#), and [OSU Extension offices](#). Through a process coordinated by OSU Extension, input from Ohio's 88 counties was collected to establish six impact areas prioritizing community needs as: 1) Health and Wellness; 2) Job Skills and Careers; 3) Thriving Across the Life Span; 4) Sustainable Foods; 5) Engaged Ohioans, Vibrant Communities; and 6) Environmental Quality.

### C. Central Ohio

Ohio State's Columbus campus is in an urban environment of a dynamic city interfacing rural communities, presenting significant challenges and opportunities. Feedback from community partners was collected to establish six impact areas prioritizing community needs as: 1) Arts and Humanities; 2) Business and Economic Development; 3) Education; 4) Energy and Environment; 5) Health and Wellness; and 6) Workforce Development.

### 3. General Instructions

- A. Program Overview.** Eligible applicants are invited to submit a concept proposal, using the [template provided](#), to be considered for further development and funding. A Stewardship Committee will select concepts that address priority issues and have potential to become successful projects that develop into sustainable programs. Concepts will be developed into full project plans by Development Teams consisting of applicant team members and a Steering Committee. The Steering Committee will contribute targeted networking and program development expertise. This will enable a better perspective of the challenge and the capability to devise more effective and sustainable solutions. Stewardship Committee members will invest in the project with funding, pending project plan approval. Working with a Steering Committee to deliver a final project plan is a required activity for all selected concept proposals. Applicants will need to set aside sufficient staff time for project plan completion.
- B. Eligibility.** Teams must be led by a current Ohio State Principal Investigator (PI). The PI will serve as the primary contact for the team and grantee and have overall fiscal and administrative responsibility for the grant.
- C. Teams.** Teams should be developed with the background, experience and expertise to complete the project plan. The Connect and Collaborate Grants Program will assist teams by enhancing connections across the public and private sectors as project plans are refined. For the submitted concepts, applications should include, if identified, university and community partners (local, global, public, private, non-profit and/or for profit entities) relevant to the priority areas as specified below:
- **International:**
    - Global One Health: Teams can include faculty, staff and students at Ohio State associated with the health sciences and at least one other colleague/academic partner; must include at least one key international partner.
    - Global Gateways: Teams can include faculty, staff and students at Ohio State and must include at least one key international partner from China, India, and/or Brazil. Cross-disciplinary approaches are encouraged.
  - **Ohio's 88 Counties:** Teams can include faculty, staff and students at Ohio State's Columbus campus and must include an Ohio State unit located outside the Columbus campus area (OSU Extension, regional campus, etc.) and at least one external public/private sector community partner.
  - **Central Ohio:** Teams can include faculty, staff and students from departments, colleges, or units other than the PI, and must include at least one external public/private sector community partner.
- D. Grant Tracks.** The call for concepts will be offered twice a year with solicitations released in September and January. During academic year 2016-17 as much as \$1M may be available with a maximum award of \$100,000. Funding requests should be commensurate with the scope and scale of the project. Grant funds will be made available on a competitive basis using three grant tracks:

- Program Planning Grant (up to \$25,000)  
Planning grants support development or improvement of a program. Teams that demonstrate support and excitement for starting or enhancing a program will be invited to work with a Steering Committee to develop partnerships and to organize and structure their efforts to complete a comprehensive and broadly accepted program action plan.
  - Program Implementation Grant (up to \$40,000)  
Implementation grants are intended for programs with a clear purpose based on evidence and comprehensive planning and where partnerships are established and early successes have accrued.
  - Program Expansion Grant (up to \$100,000)  
Expansion grants support extension of an established program's infrastructure and capacity to increase positive impacts. Expansion grants provide funds to existing programs deemed to be of high quality based on documented evidence.
- E. Funding Period.** Duration of funding can be up to two years from the date the project is funded. Grantees must plan to spend all grant funds during the grant period. The anticipated project timeline for the first grant cycle is January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2018
- F. Use of Funds.** There are no restrictions on use of funds, *except* funds may *not* be used for capital improvements. Examples of fund use include, but are not limited to, operating costs, student support, faculty or staff support.
- G. Required Cost Share.** Concepts must identify cost share equal to 50% of the final award amount with at least 1/2 of the cost sharing as cash. Programs that leverage current grant or other existing funding, such as release time, will be reviewed favorably.

#### 4. Selection and Timeline.

- A. Stewardship Committee.** The Committee is composed of internal and external organizations whose representatives will select concepts that address priority issues and have potential to become successful projects. Organizations participating in the 2016/2017 Connect and Collaborate Grants Program include: Columbus Foundation; Greater Columbus Arts Council; United Way of Central Ohio; Global Gateways; Global One Health; Industry Liaison Office, Office of Energy and Environment; Office of International Affairs; Office of Outreach and Engagement; Office of Research; Office of Service-Learning; Office of Undergraduate Education; Office of Undergraduate Research; OSU Extension; and OSU Wexner Medical Center.
- B. Review and Selection Process.** Concept proposals will be reviewed on the strength of: 1) Concept: Significance of challenge/opportunity addressed, alignment with target areas and priorities, supporting evidence and feasibility of approach; 2) Team: Experience and expertise sufficient to complete project and achieve desired outcomes; 3) Leverage: Cost share and budget supports approach and indicates shared responsibility and reciprocity among team members; and 4) Impacts: proposed improvements; leverage of existing partnerships; strength of partnerships and reciprocity.

All submissions will be reviewed and ranked based on the criteria above. The highest scoring applicants will be invited to present their proposal to members of the Stewardship Committee. Following presentations, the Stewardship Committee will decide which proposals advance to the Development stage based on funding interests.

**C. Award Timeline**

Date	Action
9/7/2016	Call for Concepts opens
9/14/2016 9:00-10:00 AM	Information session at The Research Commons at 18 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Library
10/3/2016 5:00 PM EDT	Application submissions due
10/12/2016	Top tier concept proposal teams invited to present to the Stewardship Committee
10/19/2016	Presentation of top tier concept proposals to Stewardship Committee
10/26/2016	Applicants informed if their concept is selected to advance to Development
11/2/2016	Meeting 1 – Development Team (Steering Committee & Applicant Team)
Week of 11/7/2016	Meeting 2 – Development Team
Week of 11/14/2016	Meeting 3 – Development Team
Week of 11/21/2016	Meeting 4 – Development Team
Week of 11/28/2016	Meeting 5 – Development Team
12/7/2016	Project plans due
12/16/2016	Awards made
1/1/2017	Funds available

**5. Application Instructions.**

A *complete* application package consists of two sections: 1) a cover page and a two-page narrative using the template provided (<http://go.osu.edu/ccgrantstemplate>), and 2) a two-page vita of the PI listed on the narrative.

- A. Concept Proposal.** As specified in the template, the concept proposal must address, in sequence, each required section. State each section number and section title in bold.

**COVER PAGE**

1. **Concept Proposal/Project Title**
2. **Name of PI and Contact Information**
3. **Grant Track**
4. **Alignment with Priority Areas**

**NARRATIVE**

5. **Statement of the Challenge/Opportunity** – Explain the nature, scope, and significance of the challenge and/or opportunity. Include the data used to come to this conclusion and explain how it supports the need for the proposed program. Identify the geographic area and type of participants affected by the challenge.

6. Proposed Program/Initiative – Describe the intended approach and target audience. Explain how the program will address the challenge/opportunity, benefit program participants, and have a positive impact on the community. Indicate why the audience is ready for or interested in the proposed program and why the timing is right for the proposed concept.
7. Outcomes and Impacts – Based on implementation of the proposed concept, clearly describe success including scholarly outcomes and community impacts.
8. Team Members and Qualifications – This section must demonstrate that the team has the capacity to plan or implement the intended program. Identify the members of the core team, including existing or desired OSU and external partners. Briefly describe each member’s role, capabilities, and qualifications. Include any other experience relevant to the proposed project.
9. Funding Request and Narrative – Relative to the funding track requested, provide a high-level budget narrative estimate that includes cost share and other sources of funding. Explain basically how the funds will be used to meet the proposed outcomes.

- B. Vita of PI.** This two-page vita of the PI whose name appears on the application should include information that demonstrates experience, background, and expertise sufficient to contribute as a member of the team in addressing the proposed concept. There is no required template.

The narrative must be typed in 11-point Arial or Calibri font, single-line spacing, and 1-inch margins. Charts, tables, and graphics may be used in the narrative but **will** be included as part of the two-page limit. Do not use a table of contents page or divider pages.

NOTE: Proposals exceeding the stated page limits for the Cover Page (1), Narrative (2), and the PI Vita (2) will **not** be reviewed.

Submit the **complete** application package as a single PDF. Any non-electronic documents should be scanned and added to the PDF copy. Email the complete application package to [engage@osu.edu](mailto:engage@osu.edu) by 5 p.m. EDT on **October 3, 2016**.