COLLEGE CURRICULAR INNOVATION FUND

The Biological Sciences Collegiate Division and Biological Sciences Division are happy to request proposals for the College Curricular Innovation Fund, a fund established for the development of programs to benefit University of Chicago biosciences and neurosciences undergraduates. $150,000 is available in AY 2019-20 to support grants of $10,000-$50,000, commensurate with the scope of the proposal. Substantial additional funding is available to support interdisciplinary proposals.

DESCRIPTION: Because these funds derive from tuition dollars, the central administration has stipulated that they must be spent on innovative programs that will directly benefit our undergraduates. With this in mind, we anticipate funding proposals in three areas:

1. Research fellowship programs. We are interested in funding groups of undergraduate research fellowships for work in University of Chicago labs over the summer or during the academic year. Successful proposals will describe not only the individual labs hosting these students, but also how the student cohort will be mentored as a group. It is anticipated that proposals will originate from Departments or groups of faculty with overlapping research interests. Applications from interdisciplinary faculty groups are particularly welcome. Successful programs will be 1-2 years in duration, renewable within this fund. See below for budget guidelines.
2. Equipment and Data Collection. We are interested in funding the purchase of equipment or collection of data to be integrated into innovative educational programs. Proposals can originate from individual faculty or groups of faculty. Interdisciplinary groups of faculty are particularly encouraged to apply.
3. Development of new laboratory exercises, curriculum, or pedagogical improvements for existing undergraduate courses in the BSCD.

BUDGET GUIDELINES FOR SUMMER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS: Please budget $5000 in stipend support for the summer for each student slot requested. Please budget $1500 in support for each host lab. Additional funds may be requested to cover activities relevant to the program.

TO APPLY: All proposals should be submitted via [https://cgis.uchicago.edu/innovation/](https://mail.uchospitals.edu/owa/redir.aspx?C=bIySP5nzC1DICZd6pzVwe1wloIfitHQkIqW1yGgUl_cTxOlCj0DXCA..&URL=https%3a%2f%2fcgis.uchicago.edu%2finnovation%2f)

Contact Jocelyn Malamy [jmalamy@bsd.uchicago.edu](mailto:jmalamy@bsd.uchicago.edu) with questions.

To apply, please submit the following:

1. Name of proposal; dates during which funds will be spent;

2. Description, generally no longer than 2-3 pages, of objectives and means for achieving those objectives;

3. Names, qualifications and delineation of roles of proposal leaders;

4. A detailed budget for all years of the proposal;

5. A description of how success of the proposal will be assessed and how this information will be communicated to the BSD and BSCD.

DEADLINE: Proposals will be reviewed starting November 15, 2019.