FUELING OUR FUTURE
INTERNAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Together we are positioning the Pitt community for maximum impact in research, scholarship and creative endeavors. We are excited to bring resources and recognition to faculty members who are brimming with innovative ideas in both research and the classroom. Sponsored by the Office of the Provost, the Office of the Senior Vice Chancellor for Research, and the Office of the Chancellor.

Pitt Momentum Funds
This tiered set of awards is designed to offer support across multiple stages of ambitious projects across the breadth of interdisciplinary scholarship at the University, and all eligible faculty are encouraged to propose new, innovative ideas that can contribute meaningful insight, understanding or solutions to societal challenges. The suite of funds consists of: Scaling Grants, Teaming Grants and Seeding Grants.

- **Scaling Grants**
  Provide up to $400,000 over two years and support detailed project planning, gathering of proof-of-concept results, and reduction of technical risk so that teams can competitively pursue an identified large extramural funding opportunity.

- **Teaming Grants**
  Provide up to $60,000 per year and support the formation of new multidisciplinary collaborations to successfully pursue large-scale extramural funding. Teaming Grants, like Scaling Grants, are specifically designed to further the goal of the Plan for Pitt to engage in research of impact by positioning the University to participate in large research collaborations.

- **Seeding Grants**
  Provide up to $16,000 per year and support significant and innovative scholarship by individual or small groups of faculty at all ranks at the University of Pittsburgh.

In response to the crises of 2020, the Pitt Momentum Funds program calls for research across all scales that seeks to improve our understanding of these extraordinary times. Particularly encouraged are projects addressing:
- systemic racism,
- histories of racist structures,
- impact of race/ethnicity on social determinants of health,
- preexisting racial inequities highlighted again by the global COVID-19 pandemic, and
- arts-based race or social justice storytelling and creative performance.

We encourage a range of interdisciplinary theoretical and methodological approaches to address social (in)justices.

The application period for the Momentum Funds is now open.

We encourage you to submit your proposal to support your projects. Expressions of Interest are due September 14, 2020, and Full Proposals are due October 12, 2020.

[https://www.osp.pitt.edu/internal-funding-opportunities](https://www.osp.pitt.edu/internal-funding-opportunities)

Questions may be emailed to grantdev@pitt.edu.
Forge Your Own Path—Personalized Education Grants
The Forge Your Own Path grants provide key support to the Pitt community to develop transformative ideas for how courses, advising and extracurricular programming can be matched to the interests and goals of individual students.

These grants provide up to $25,000 in support of projects that integrate the rich expertise and network of the Pitt community with new and emerging technologies to provide meaningful and customized collaborations, connections and experiences that will prepare and empower our students to lead lives of self-determined impact.

Personalized Education Grants have been paused for the 2020-21 academic year.

Course Incubator Grants
Course Incubator Grants support projects to radically redesign large-enrollment classes—enrollment of more than 100—to increase the success of students. Projects focus on transformative design of an entire course, including revising syllabi, designing learning activities, developing assessment strategies and reimagining classroom teaching.

The Course Incubator Grants have been paused for 2020-21 academic year.

Innovation in Education Awards
Innovation in Education Awards support projects by faculty members for the development of enhanced and innovative teaching techniques and materials that will strengthen the teaching mission of the University. The program seeks ideas that focus on experiential or active learning; innovative, discipline-based approaches to teaching and learning; technology-enhanced learning; and data-driven approaches to the design or assessment of curricular innovation.

The Innovation in Education Awards are on a two-year cycle and will be offered next in 2021-22.

Open Education Resource Grants
To support the development of open educational resources, the Provost provides funding for projects that will enhance the educational experiences of Pitt students and provide these faculty with the ability to customize their course materials. Proposals are invited annually from faculty for projects to adapt, adopt and/or create open education resources for an existing course.

Pitt Seed Grants
Supported by the Office of the Chancellor, the Pitt Seed Projects program encourages faculty and staff to submit proposals for projects that support one or more of the six strategic goals in the Plan for Pitt and will play an instrumental role in transforming the University of Pittsburgh. Proposed projects can include a range of activities including research ideas, academic programs, process improvement, diversity, community and industry partnership development, outreach, methods of teaching and learning, workshops, lectures, and enhancing the student experience.

Application information will be available by the end of the year.

More information—including application periods, submission guidelines and past funding recipients—on these and other awards and funding opportunities is available at:

https://www.provost.pitt.edu/provost-awards-funding
https://www.planforpitt.pitt.edu/pitt-seed-projects
https://www.osp.pitt.edu/internal-funding-opportunities

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