LARGE-SCALE INTEGRATED RESEARCH AWARDS INFO SESSION

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Office Of Research Development &
College Of Natural Sciences Faculty Development and Programs
Welcome to the Large-Scale Integrated Research Awards Info Session!

As everyone is joining the meeting, please use the chat to answer the following question:

What excites you about large-scale team-based research?
Agenda

- Program Overview
- Eligibility & Application Process
- Award Conditions
- Track Comparison
- Track Selection
- Capacity-building Opportunities
- Resources
- Your Questions
Program Overview

• **Purpose** – Support for integrated team efforts to develop large-scale research initiatives.

• **Program Tracks** – Two tracks based on team readiness and funding target:
  - Integrative Team Development Awards
  - Center Development Awards

• **Award Period and Conditions** – 12 months. Milestones. Team proposal development and capacity building opportunities. Submission to external sponsor. Final report.

• **Review and Selection** – Committee of Deans, VCRE, and Provost. Topic, team readiness, alignment with campus strengths, and timing.

• **Deadline** - March 29th
Eligibility

- PI - Full-time, tenured UMass faculty
- Limit of four UMass faculty Co-PIs
- No limit on the number of collaborators
- A community partner Co-PI or collaborator is allowed for community-based participatory research projects. If Co-PI, they would be an additional Co-PI
- Only one proposal per PI or Co-PI, including both tracks
- Faculty may serve as a collaborator on multiple projects
Application Process

• Deadline – March 29, 2024
• Award Start Date – July 1, 2024
• Apply in InfoReady at Large-scale Integrative Research Awards (LIRA) 2024
• Request for Proposals: LIRA 2024 Request for Proposals (RFP)
• Instructions for Preparation and Submission of a 2024 LIRA Proposal Application Package: Track 1: Track 1 Instructions and Track 2: Track 2 Instructions
Award Conditions for Both Tracks

• Conduct the proposed activities within the award period
  • May request a no-cost extension

• Participate in:
  • Integrative team development and research development strategy sessions
  • Ideation and proposal development consultations

• Meet quarterly milestones agreed to at the time of award
• Submit a proposal to a targeted funding opportunity
• Submit a brief final report at the end of the award period
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<td><strong>Award amount</strong></td>
<td>• Up to $30,000 per team</td>
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<td><strong>Topic areas</strong></td>
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<td>• Preference for potential for societal impact</td>
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<td><strong>External funding targets</strong></td>
<td>• Multi-investigator, ~$1M per year for 3+ years</td>
<td>• Center grants, ~$3M per year for 5+ years</td>
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<td><strong>Team profile</strong></td>
<td>• Diverse, multi-investigator team; may span disciplines</td>
<td>• Some pre-existing collaborations among team participants; may span disciplines</td>
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<td>• Community Co-PI for CBPR allowed</td>
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<td><strong>LIRA supports</strong></td>
<td>• Team &amp; Proposal development</td>
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<td>• Research for proof of concept</td>
<td>• Stakeholder engagement</td>
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<td>• No faculty salaries</td>
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<td>• May have unfunded external partners</td>
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Which LIRA Track Should I Choose?

LIRA Track Selection depends upon three main factors:

• How developed is your research vision / research questions?

• What is the nature of the specific research funding opportunity/ies and the timeline?

• How far along is your proposed team in building a collaborative team process and approach for your research?
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<td>Motivation</td>
<td>• Team is exploring a research problem that requires a team approach</td>
<td>• Team agrees on an important research problem and a preliminary vision for a center</td>
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<td>Commitment</td>
<td>• Team is committed to developing effective team dynamics and processes for integrative research</td>
<td>• Team members have a history of collaboration relevant to the topic area</td>
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<td>• Team members are committed to devoting time and effort to team development, proposal development, and to any planned preliminary research</td>
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<td>Integration</td>
<td>• Team members are beginning to learn about each other's assumptions, frameworks, and methods</td>
<td>• Team members appreciate each other's expertise, assumptions, frameworks, and methods</td>
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Two Levels of Support - Individual Team Coaching/Consulting Level & Program/All Cohort Level

**ALL COHORT LEVEL**
We will be offering webinars on topics relevant to LIRA teams.
For example, Perspectives on Center Development, Creating Your Pitch, or Integrative Teaming, Fostering Equitable Collaborations

**INDIVIDUAL TEAM COACHING/CONSULTING LEVEL**
Begins with Initial Team Assessment –
Your strengths and areas for growth

Then, we offer LIRA teams customized coaching and consultation for proposal strategy, teaming and alliances, and proposal capture (i.e. development and submission)
Resources

LIRA website https://www.umass.edu/research/LIRA: Program overview and links to RFP, Instructions, and forms

Interdisciplinary Research Grants (IRG) website https://www.umass.edu/provost/interdisciplinary-research-grants

Questions:
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THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION