

SMU[®] Dedman College Interdisciplinary Institute

The Dedman College Interdisciplinary Institute is pleased to announce a call for applications for **DCII Collaborative Research Grants**.

The purpose of the Collaborative Research Grant Program is to support teams of two or more researchers as they pursue research projects on topics of interdisciplinary interest and impact. The program seeks to enable faculty to advance their individual research agendas while building connections across campus.

Eligibility: Teams must include applicants from at least two academic departments. At least one member of the team must be a full-time Dedman College faculty member (either tenure-track or professional and teaching faculty), but teams may also include faculty members from other SMU schools and/or staff members, post-doctoral fellows, and graduate students.

Award Amount: Up to \$5000

Grant funds may be used for research travel, supplies, software, and other direct research expenses. Funds may not be used to purchase computer hardware, to support conference travel, or as salary/stipends. Funds must be utilized by May 31, 2027.

Submission Deadline: February 27, 2026 at 5 p.m.

Submission Guidelines:

Applications should include a brief **proposal**, not to exceed three pages (single spaced, 11- or 12-point font), along with short **curriculum vitae** for all team members.

The proposal should:

1. Describe the research the team plans to undertake, including its objectives, methodology, and timeline, in language that is accessible to a reviewer who is not an expert in the team's fields
2. Detail the distinctive disciplinary components brought together in the proposed research, with attention to interdisciplinary richness (especially the degree to which the disciplines will be integrated through the research)*
3. Explain the scholarly and/or practical significance of the proposed research and detail expected outputs (e.g., publications, grant applications, creative products)
4. Describe each team member's expected contribution and explain how receiving the grant would advance the members' research programs
5. Provide an itemized budget

6. Summarize all other sources of research funding (prospectively) available through university accounts (e.g., start-up funds, internal or external grants) that could be used to support the proposed research, and explain the specific need for a Collaborative Research Grant

Completed applications should be submitted via the following link:

<https://www.smu.edu/dedman/research/institutes-and-centers/dcii/research/collaborative-research-grants/collaborative-research-grants-application>

Questions about the grant program or application process should be directed to Dr. Karisa Cloward, Ruth Collins Altshuler Director of the Dedman College Interdisciplinary Institute, at kcloward@smu.edu.

* Nissani, Moti. 1995. "Fruits, Salads, and Smoothies: A Working Definition of Interdisciplinarity." *Journal of Educational Thought* 29 (2): 119–26.