

New York Six Seed Grants for Academic Collaborations

BACKGROUND

The **New York Six** Liberal Arts Consortium was formed in 2009 with a planning grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, which encouraged the six member schools – Colgate University, Hamilton College, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, St. Lawrence University, Skidmore College, and Union College – to explore ways to work together on programs and initiatives to benefit students, faculty, and staff. Please visit the NY6 website at newyork6.org for examples of how the mission of the Consortium has been implemented through collaborative teaching and research endeavors.

SEED GRANT PROGRAM

The **New York Six** Liberal Arts Consortium is pleased to offer seed grant opportunities to encourage faculty to develop new partnerships and academic collaborations. Seed grants of up to **\$1,000** are available to support up to **six academic working groups per year**. Faculty who are currently involved in or are interested in developing new academic collaborations are invited to submit proposals for funding to support their project. Additional funding through external grants may become available, if relevant.

ELIGIBILITY

- Faculty from **at least three** of the Consortium member schools must be represented in the proposal
- The NY6 welcomes proposals from faculty members from all disciplines

COMMUNICATION AND COLLABORATION ACROSS CAMPUSES

Each **New York Six** institution may have resources to support communication and collaboration between the members of working groups. In addition, the Consortium has tools that are available to support your team (e.g. Zoom, a video and teleconferencing platform, and Basecamp, project management and team communication software). Contact Deanna McCay at dhmccay@newyork6.org for more information.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION PROCESS

Interested faculty may submit proposal materials to NY6 Project Manager Deanna McCay, at dmccay@newyork6.org. Proposal materials include a project description, budget and justification, and consultation documentation.

Proposal Materials

1. Project description

The project description of no more than three pages should include:

- Project Title
- Participants: name, university and department affiliation of each faculty participant; a lead faculty organizer should be identified
- Project Goals: describe the goals of the project and how it supports academic collaborations across the New York Six
- Methodology and Timeline: identify key dates and objectives to support this project
- Measurement of Anticipated Outcomes: describe how you will measure whether this project will meet stated goals

2. Proposed budget and justification

Note that the limit on funding seed grant requests is \$1000.

3. Consultation

A consultation with grants officer(s) at the proposing institution is required. If you plan to integrate technology into your project in any way, you are additionally required to consult with the education technology officer at your institution.

REVIEW CRITERIA

The NY6 leadership team, in consultation with the NY6 chief academic officers or their designee, will review proposals. Competitive proposals will demonstrate the following:

- Questions/goals are better addressed through collaboration with colleagues across the NY6;
- Project provides opportunities for new and expanded collaborations among faculty;
- Project shows clear connections to the goals of the **New York Six** Liberal Arts Consortium.

Priority will be given to proposals submitted by faculty members who have not previously received funding from the NY6.

PROPOSAL DEADLINE : Proposals are accepted on a rolling basis.

Questions about the New York Six Seed Grants Program can be directed to Deanna McCay, NY6 Project Manager, at dmccay@newyork6.org.