



**Invitation for Proposals:
Faculty of Social Work Research Cluster Grant
Application Deadline: October 19, 2020**

Background

With the University of Calgary's new [Growth Through Focus](#) Strategy, the University is targeting efforts on our collective areas of research strength. Greater focus is on breadth and depth of partnerships, deeply engaged and productive research teams, and stronger interdisciplinary pursuits, with substantial societal impact.

Social Workers bring acumen in engagement with others and collaboration to achieve impactful outcomes. The Faculty of Social Work Research Cluster Grant opportunity aims to encourage researchers to collaborate together to think boldly and strategically about how to address important societal issues, optimize the impact of downstream funding, and thereby maximize our collective efforts toward transformative change.

The Opportunity

We are inviting researchers across the Faculty of Social Work, University of Calgary, to submit a brief application for short-term (4 months) funding to a maximum of \$5,000. This internal funding is being offered to support the development of a larger grant application that will be submitted by this group of researchers and potentially others. Examples of potential grant development activities within this grant could entail: meetings for grant planning, partnership events, conducting a literature review or environmental scan, questionnaire development, etc., all with the aim of encouraging collaboration and preparing a larger grant to be submitted by the team. As a part of this application, you are asked to identify a minimum of 4 University of Calgary Faculty of Social Work researchers and 2 students in your team. Beyond the minimum number of social work team members as outlined above, you are encouraged to also identify interdisciplinary colleagues from the University of Calgary and/or other colleagues/stakeholders such as individuals from other organizations, as well as partner organizations.

Key adjudication criteria by which a proposal will be evaluated are as follows:

- The project advances your work and strategy toward the accomplishment of research that addresses a grand challenge or substantial issue of importance to social work.
- Engagement of the minimum number of Faculty of Social Work team members, i.e., 4 social work researchers (please consult [FSW research areas](#) for inspiration) and 2 students.
- Quality, clarity and logic of the approach proposed.
- Feasibility for completion of aims within a short term of 4 months (grant dollars will need to be spent before March 1, 2021).
- Expressed intention and plan to move forward to further research, including submission of a [Catalyst Grant](#) or other larger grant. Note that this grant can be listed as matching funds in a Catalyst Grant application for either the November 15, 2020 or February 15, 2021 submissions of that grant competition.
- A strong research context such as, for example, mentorship, deep and meaningful collaboration, and strategic knowledge mobilization.

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Grant awards will be up to \$5,000 per initiative. Up to three awards will be offered. Note that this limited-term funding opportunity requires that all funds be spent by March 1, 2021. A short-term ad hoc adjudication committee of the *Research and Partnerships Committee* will be convened, with results of the competition announced on or before November 1, 2020. This Committee will review each submission according to the above criteria.

Please submit a proposal (no more than 3 pages) that outlines your team, project aims, activities, timeline (November 1, 2020 – March 1, 2021), anticipated deliverables, budget, and plan for how this work will inform and advance future grant/funding submissions (please indicate the granting body that ultimately you may approach). Teams are advised to address the criteria listed above. We also ask applicants to identify how this project aligns with one or more University of Calgary strategies or priorities (e.g., growth through focus, child health and wellness, human dynamics in a changing world, brain and mental health, innovation, knowledge engagement, community engagement, global engagement). For all funded applicants, a one page final report will be due within one month of end of the grant.



Please send your application/proposal to Alyona Belikova (abelikov@ucalgary.ca) no later than October 19 (11:59pm), 2020.