

UW School of Medicine

CENTER FOR LEARNING AND INNOVATION IN MEDICAL EDUCATION

2023 CALL FOR SMALL GRANT PROPOSALS

Preface

CLIME's mission is to create a diverse, inclusive, and welcoming community that works together to optimize teaching skills, foster educator career development, and support educational scholarship.

In keeping with our mission, CLIME is pleased to announce a funding opportunity for UW School of Medicine Faculty who are interested in pursuing education scholarship. The goal of this funding opportunity is to provide faculty with opportunities to develop innovative health professions education scholarship, including the scholarship of discovery, integration, application, and teaching. By providing ongoing support to these UW activities, we hope to develop and support a community of education scholars.

We are particularly interested in funding projects that include junior faculty members. While all applications must include a UW School of Medicine faculty member on the project, we strongly encourage interprofessional submissions. Priority will be given to projects that are innovative, enhance the quality of research in health sciences education, and promote the application of scholarship to practice.

CLIME has a total of \$20,000 available for funding during this grant cycle. Awards are capped at \$5,000. Travel and conference fees are not supported. We seek to distribute awards across the five-state, WWAMI region. Funds must be spent between July 1, 2023 and June 10th, 2024.

Eligibility

1. All faculty at the University of Washington School of Medicine (based in Seattle and throughout the WWAMI region) are eligible to submit a proposal.
2. Applicants may submit only one proposal per cycle as the primary applicant but may be a collaborator on other submissions.
3. Previous awardees must wait one grant cycle (one year) before applying as the primary applicant.

Project Categories and Review Criteria

Two categories of projects will be accepted. All projects should have the level of rigor expected to facilitate dissemination through peer-reviewed publications in the medical and health professions education literature. When submitting your application, please check the box that corresponds to your project's category.

1. Research and Systematic Reviews:

These proposals should be designed to encourage the scholarship of discovery or integration. Projects should address novel research questions and describe methods that support the rigorous evaluation of these questions.

Review Criteria:

1. Clear statement of the problem and rationale for the study
2. Review of pertinent literature
3. Indication of how project extends prior work
4. Meaningful reference to a conceptual framework that informs the research
5. Quality of research question and logical relation to the problem statement
6. Overall study design explained and appropriate to the research question
7. Adequate, well described data collection method or instrumentation
8. Appropriate study population (for both qualitative and quantitative studies)
9. Clear writing
10. Realistic budget
11. Qualifications of primary investigator and research team to complete the research

2. Curriculum Evaluation and Teaching Initiatives:

These proposals should be designed to encourage the scholarship of application or teaching. Projects should develop and evaluate meaningful curricula or report outcomes from unique teaching initiatives.

Review Criteria:

1. Clear statement of relevant educational objectives
2. Review of pertinent literature
3. Indication of how project extends prior work
4. Educational approach or method appropriate for the stated objectives
5. Content of the submission sufficiently accurate, clear, and usable
6. Inclusion of plan to collect evidence to demonstrate value or impact of the project
7. Clear writing
8. Realistic budget
9. Qualifications of primary educator and curricular team to carry out the project

Examples of previously funded projects can be found here: [CLIME Scholarship | UW School Of Medicine | CLIME \(washington.edu\)](#)

Award Details

A total of \$20,000 will be awarded to four or more qualifying proposals for an 12-month period. Project budgets cannot exceed \$5,000. Budget proposals should include itemized costs and budget justification. These monies are intended to fund resources necessary to conduct the proposed project, such as technical support, supplies, communication, transcription, and reasonable incentives for subjects. Facility costs, travel, conference fees or faculty salary are **NOT** supported. Funds will be directly expensed through CLIME and the UWSOM finance team. If you plan on hiring a student assistant for your project please look over UW HR policies about [student employment](#), and the benefit rates as that must be calculated into the overall cost. Funds will be available July 1, 2023 and must be spent by June 10th, 2024. **Please note these spending dates.**

Application Process

1. Proposals due **March 31st, 2023 no later than 11:59pm** by email to clime@uw.edu.
2. Proposal decisions are anticipated **June 1, 2023**.

3. Funded projects **must** present the project progress or results at a [CLIME Work-in-Progress](#) session during the 12-month period of their award.
4. Project results must be made available for dissemination in a peer-reviewed resource and shared with CLIME upon publication.

Submission Process

Applicants will be asked to submit proposals using the application template. **Please follow the directions; applications that do not follow the format will be automatically scored down.**

1. Cover page: must include the name of applicants (for multi-institutional applications a representative from each institution must be included), project title, abstract and contact information for the project leader
2. Rationale: review of the pertinent literature, statement of the problem or identified gap, and significance of the need
3. Research question and/or project objectives
4. Research methods and/or curricular intervention and evaluation
5. Project timeline (not to exceed 18 months)
6. Anticipated outcomes
7. Plan for dissemination of project outcomes regionally and nationally
8. Budget including itemized costs and justification
9. References (limit 2 pages)
10. Biographical Sketches of PI and Co-PIs (no more than 2 pages/individual)

Institutional Review Board Oversight

If this is a research project involving human subjects, a copy of the application to the IRB must be included. Before payment for the grant can be made, however, a copy of the IRB letter stating that the project is approved or that approval was not necessary must be submitted to the CLIME grant review committee.

Funded Projects

Abstracts of funded projects will be uploaded to the CLIME website. Awardees must present their ongoing work at a CLIME Work-In-Progress session during the 12-month period of their award. An **interim report** must be submitted by **July 1, 2024** and the **final progress report** must be submitted within one month of project completion, and no later than **June 1, 2025** to clime@uw.edu. A one-page progress report form will be provided to the authors. Reports should describe your accomplishments, challenges, and how the funded activity will support future work. Awardees must get pre-approval before making any changes to the funded scope of work.

Contact

For application and general questions about the CLIME Small Grant, please contact clime@uw.edu.