

COM Community Engagement Grant RFA for Innovation week April 25-29th, 2022

Track: pitch sessions

Type of award: COM Community Engagement “start-up model”

Announcement: The COM Office of Community Engagement will team up with the Office of Innovation to support one community-focused initiative/program. Dubbed “the start-up model,” the winning team will receive \$15,000 towards their innovation with the larger goal being for them to further pursue continued relationship and growth with the community partners after the grant period has ended.

Students are strongly encouraged to participate. At least one member of the project/research team must be a member of or have a strong connection to the community of interest. Communities are defined by characteristics common amongst members and may be geographic, cultural, religious, age or others. *Research and non-research proposals are accepted. We are particularly interested in proposals aiming to enhance health equity and pursuit of social justice.* Duration of funding is for 1 year with possibility of a no cost extension to account for potential delays in project execution.

Reporting requirements: 6-month interim progress and 12-month summary report, including financial reporting; all major stakeholders including the community partner(s) must review and sign the report.

Important dates:

Initial application opens March 4th, 2022

Application portal closes April 4th, 2022

Finalists (3) notified April 8th, 2022

Pitch session during Innovation Week: April 26th, 2022

Hints:

We strongly recommend using the SMART goals framework for outlining your project. Outcomes must be well defined. There should be a plan for continued engagement past the time of the funding period. We are less likely to support “one-off” projects than those that form a foundation for ongoing relationships over time. Funding can be used for operational costs (including supplies and computer software/programs), patient/client support or incentives for participants.

Background on the Office of Community Engagement:

The MUSC College of Medicine Office of Community Engagement was formed in 2021 in response to growing recognition and need for a focus on the educational aspects of community engagement within the College. Private funding has allowed for the start of several initiatives with specific focus areas on **service, research, education and innovation.**

[Application Portal](#)