



2008 - 2009 Request for Proposals

INNOVATIONS

in University-Community Research Collaborations



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Grant Program Offers \$332,000 to MSU Faculty

Next spring up to \$332,000 in grants will be awarded to MSU faculty as part of the annual Innovations in University-Community Research Collaborations competitive grant program, sponsored by the FACT Coalition, University Outreach and Engagement, and MSU Extension.

The Innovations program is designed to increase MSU's competitiveness for federal research funding that addresses the health and well-being of children, youth, families, and communities. The program supports multidisciplinary and collaborative research that links MSU with Michigan communities.

Focus Areas: FACT Coalition Grants

Six 12-24 month grants of up to \$50,000 will be awarded. Proposals must focus on one of the following topic areas.

Families and Aging

- Intergenerational caregiving
- Elder abuse and neglect
- Medicaid and Medicare
- Community safety
- Retirement

Family and Community Diversity and Disparities

- Family risk and vulnerability (including lack of transportation, unplanned pregnancy, and drug abuse)
- Single parenting
- Education and workforce preparation

- Housing
- Social justice and injustice
- Immigration and migration (including assimilation and acculturation, economic impact, and family resiliency)

Family and Community Health

- Mental health (the continuum of care for kids and families)
- Health and insurance systems
- Access to health care for minorities
- Infant mortality (causes and solutions)
- Child abuse and neglect

Families and the Economy

- Preparing families and youth for the future
- Literacy

- Early education in career options and opportunities
- Building personal assets and wealth
- Financial literacy
- Work and family balance
- Community activism
- Youth entrepreneurship

Families, Technology, and Human Development

- Impact on academic achievement
- Family communication and technology
- Impact of violence in computer games on children's emotional development
- Media influence on youth
- Use of the Internet (including the digital divide)

University Outreach and Engagement – MSU Extension Grants

UOE-MSU Extension grants are awarded for one year. **For 2008-2009, one \$32,000 grant will be awarded for research on positive youth development.** The project must focus on positive outcomes for children, youth, and families and be located with the Detroit Youthville program.

Asset-based approaches to changing the lives of children, youth, and families are critical if society is to achieve transformation away from poverty, disease, low educational attainment, delinquency, substance abuse, family dysfunction, and family instability.

Especially important are programs that provide a means for youth to succeed across the domains of social, educational, personal, and community development. Programs must seek to enhance leadership and skill development and provide community-generated and community-based positive youth development experiences.



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Eligibility

Innovations grants are intended to support the research of tenure-stream MSU faculty, nontenure-stream MSU faculty who have research assignments, and MSU Extension staff who are in the continuing employment system. MSU faculty submitters can be the principal investigators (PI) on only one proposal. Submitters can be a co-PI on more than one proposal.

All projects must be collaborative efforts and must include:

- MSU faculty from more than one department or unit and more than one discipline
- Off-campus MSU Extension staff or representatives of community organizations (community partners)

Note that UOE-MSU Extension grants must have an MSUE partner.

Criteria for Funding

All proposals must show evidence that the partnership has a plan for developing a shared mission. Proposals must address how the mission, resources, decision-making, and outcomes will be shared among the partners. The grant reviewers will give priority to projects that:

- Are multidisciplinary and integrative, representing diverse and meaningful relationships across departments and disciplines.
- Link MSU faculty with Michigan communities and build partnerships.
- Are useful to communities.
- Have specific plans for seeking extramural funding to sustain the project, including a detailed description of potential funding sources.
- Demonstrate use of accepted research methods.
- Propose a clear action plan, including research, application, and dissemination.
- Demonstrate the potential to be successful, through vitae, letters of support, etc.
- Include a 10% match from the MSU department or organization (may be in-kind support).
- Are led by a principal investigator who hasn't received Innovations funding for a project in the previous year.
- Represent new partnerships across MSU departments.
- Encourage the involvement of assistant professors and county-based MSU Extension staff.
- Represent new lines of work for senior faculty.

How to Apply

1. Go to fact.msu.edu and click on “Apply for Innovations Funding.”

You will find links to the application cover form, the biographical sketch form, the budget justification table, and a searchable database of potential faculty or community partners.

If you need help downloading the forms or making printed copies of them, contact the FACT Coalition by phone at (517) 432-9207 or by e-mail at fact@msu.edu.

2. Potential applicants must send a notice of intent to submit a proposal by **January 9, 2009**.

Please include the project title or focus area and the name of the project investigator. Send by e-mail to fact@msu.edu.

Proposals will not be accepted if the notice of intent has not been submitted.

3. Follow the proposal formatting directions that appear in the “Proposal Formatting and Language” section.


4. Ask your department chair or unit head to review the proposal and sign the application form where indicated.

For More Information

- For Innovations application documents, a searchable database of potential partners, and descriptions of previous FACT Coalition grants, visit fact.msu.edu/funding.html.
- For more information about funding your engagement work, visit the University Outreach and Engagement Web site at outreach.msu.edu/funding.asp, or contact: Hiram E. Fitzgerald, Associate Provost, phone (517) 353-8977 or e-mail fitzger9@msu.edu.



5. Submit full proposal by **January 30, 2009**:

- a. Send the proposal with signed, completed forms to: 
*Innovations in University-
Community Research Collaborations*
c/o FACT Coalition
Michigan State University
8 Kellogg Center
East Lansing, MI 48824-1022
- b. Send an e-mail copy of the complete proposal in PDF format to fact@msu.edu.

Budget

There are limits on what can and cannot be funded by Innovations grants:

- Funds must be administered through an MSU department.
- Funding is not available for capital items, indirect costs, or conference travel and registration fees.
- Funding to cover faculty salaries during the summer months is only available for those with an academic appointment (no more than 20% of the summer salary).
- The required 10% match may be in-kind (which can include faculty salaries).

Proposal Contents

Your proposal must include the following information:

- A signed, completed cover form (available online at fact.msu.edu/funding.html).
- A completed application checklist.
- A 250-word abstract.
- A proposal narrative, including:
 - *Significance*: Does the proposed research address an important problem? If the aims of the application are achieved, how will knowledge be advanced? What will be the effect of this work on families and communities?
 - *Approach*: Are the conceptual framework, design, methods, and analyses adequately developed, well-integrated, and appropriate to the aims of the project? Does the applicant acknowledge potential problem areas and consider alternative tactics? Is there a clear action plan, including research, application, and dissemination?
 - *Innovation*: Does the project employ novel concepts, approaches or methods? Are the aims original and innovative? Does the project challenge existing paradigms or develop new methodologies or programs? Does the project represent new lines of work for senior faculty?
 - *Investigative team*: Are members of the investigative team appropriately trained and well suited to carry out this work? Is the work proposed appropriate to the experience level of the principal investigator and other members of the research team? Does the team include assistant professors or Extension staff? Is this an authentic community-university partnership?
- *Likelihood of future funding*: FACT proposals must include a brief paragraph describing the best possible sources of extramural funding for future continuation of the proposal project (sustainability). If possible, specify the program within the agency (local, state, or federal; private foundation, etc.) and indicate why that program might be interested in funding the work. Are extramural funding opportunities described? Is the plan for sustained funding feasible?
- *Appropriateness of budget and resource sharing*: Does the budget include an explanation of the allocation of funds? Does the budget follow normal university business practices, guidelines, and restrictions? Does the budget include a 10% match from investigators' MSU departments?
- A project budget form, which includes budget justification, available online at fact.msu.edu/funding.html.
- Biographical sketches of all MSU project leaders. Please use the federal Biographical Sketch Format Page (PHS 398), available online in Word or PDF format from grants1.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html. (Michigan State University recommends that all researchers in the social sciences use this form.) Be sure to include documentation of previously funded and nonfunded projects.

- Two letters of support, including one each from:
 1. The appropriate college dean, department chair, or unit director
 2. Community partner or county Extension director

We strongly recommend that new faculty and first-time applicants have their department chair or unit head review and critique their proposals before submitting them for consideration.

- No transmittal form is necessary.

Proposal Formatting and Language

Please read and follow these formatting guidelines carefully to avoid delays in processing your application. Innovations proposals must:

- Be printed on 8.5-inch by 11-inch paper with at least 1-inch margins (left, right, top, bottom) for all pages.
- Be no more than 10 pages of single-sided, double-spaced text (references, citations, budgets, biographical sketches, and other supporting documents are not included in the page count). Do not use an appendix to circumvent the page limitations of the research plan.
- Use 12-point or larger font.
- Number pages consecutively throughout the application. Do not number uncounted pages.
- Limit the project title to 44 characters, including spaces and punctuation.

Review Process

A multidisciplinary panel of scholars from MSU will review the proposals. The panel will be chaired by William Davidson, University Distinguished Professor, Department of Psychology.

Notification of all awards will take place after **March 23, 2009**.

Written evaluations of the proposals will be distributed to principal investigators by **April 16, 2009**.

Reporting Requirements for Funded Projects

- Progress reports must be submitted every six months to ensure continued funding. Forms will be available online to download, complete, and return.
- Final project and budget reports are due at the end of the project period from principal investigators.
- Community partners will also be asked to complete a survey at the end of the project.

Forums

FACT will offer two information forums on the Innovations grant program:

Monday, September 29, 2008

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Michigamme Room, Kellogg Center

Tuesday, October 21, 2008

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Willy Room, Kellogg Center

Please contact the FACT office at fact@msu.edu to reserve space at the forum you prefer to attend.

If you would like to receive an e-mail reminder before the forum, send a request to fact@msu.edu.

These annual forums bring together potential project partners from on and off campus, provide details about the request for proposals, and address questions about the application process. The forums are free and open to all.

Following the September 29th forum, a seminar titled **“Building a Strong Proposal”** will be conducted from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. (Michigamme Room) for potential applicants. Lunch will be provided from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. in Room Red Cedar A. Please contact the FACT office at fact@msu.edu to reserve space at this event.



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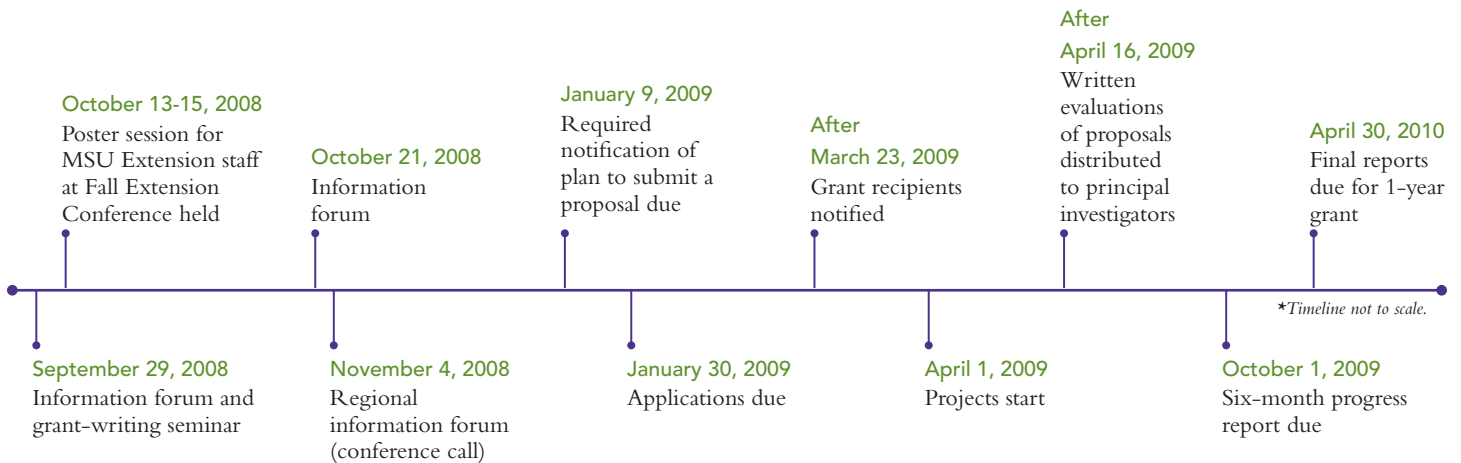
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Timeline of FACT Grant Funding Process



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