

University of Massachusetts Dartmouth 2018 Community Engaged Research Academy

In 2016, the University launched the Community Engaged Research Initiative to support faculty whose research aligns with the mission of community-based organizations, and to further UMass Dartmouth's commitment to research with and in the community. The initiative includes providing seed funding for community-engaged researchers, developing policies that make it easier to find and retain community partners, establishing a Community Engaged Research Academy to build a cohort of community engaged researchers and raising the profile of community engaged research at UMass Dartmouth.

The Community Engaged Research Academy for 2018 will support at least four faculty members with mentoring, project and partner development with a goal of external funding for the mutual benefit of faculty and their community partners. The Academy will be led by Community Engaged Research Coordinator, Robin A. Robinson, Professor of Sociology and member of UMass Medical School's Oversight Board for Community Engagement.

Community Engaged Research goes beyond research based in a community setting such as a school or clinic. It requires joint development of a research agenda working closely with a community partner. The development of a successful partnership requires trust and long-term commitment. The Academy is for faculty members currently engaged with a partner; who have project ideas but are seeking partners; or who are working with a partner to provide community service and would like to add a research component.

The Academy is a campus-based analog to the University of Massachusetts Medical School's [Community Research Innovative Scholars Program \(CRISP\)](#) funded through UMass Med's Center for Clinical and Translational Science. CRISP focuses on health and health-related research, broadly defined. Here are links to [CRISP-funded projects](#) and [UMass Dartmouth presentations](#) at 2016 UMass Med Clinical and Translational Science Symposium.

The Academy is not limited by discipline. Faculty members from all Colleges, working with or wishing to work with community partners, are encouraged to apply. Faculty members may apply to both programs, but will only be eligible for one award.

Academy Sessions

The Academy will consist of five sessions during the spring 2017 term, scheduled as much as possible to accommodate cohort members' schedules. Attendance at all sessions is mandatory.

Funding for Participants

Each Academy participant will receive a grant of \$7,500 for work between January 1 and August 31, 2018. Funds may be used to develop partnership agendas, to collect baseline data, for meetings and public outreach. A final report is due on October 31, 2018.

Eligibility

All tenure-track and tenured faculty and librarians are eligible to apply. New faculty members are especially encouraged to participate. Full time-lecturers may serve as co-PIs.

Application – please limit to three pages

- **Introduction** – Choose a project title that reflects the goals of your research and briefly introduce the proposed work and research background.
- **Significance** – Explain how the project contributes to knowledge and effectiveness of community mission. Explain how the proposed project will contribute to the future growth of your research and your ability to apply for and receive extramural support.
- **Community Partner** – Describe the nature of your community partnership, or if still in the development phase, the type of community partners who would benefit from developing a joint agenda with you.
- **Academy Aims** – Describe what you want to gain from the Academy and the type and amount of mentoring that could help you achieve your goals.
- **Budget Narrative** – Describe how you would like to use the grant funds.
- **Relevant experience and contributions** – Attach a 2-page CV
- **[Standard Proposal Routing Form](#)** – To keep your Chair and Dean informed.

Submission Information

Please submit your proposal through the internal [Research Development Grant Portal](#) by 5:00 pm on November 3, 2017. If you have questions about the application or the Academy, please contact Robin Robinson, Mary Hensel or Stefanie Picard. Applicants will be notified of selection by December 15, 2017.

Budget information

- **Salaries** for students should be identified as Graduate or Undergraduate. An estimate of the number of hours and pay rate should be included. A description of the work to be performed is also required
- **Fringe benefits** at the appropriate rate are required
- **Travel** for research and scholarship, broken down into transport, lodging and per diems. The specific purpose of travel should be described.
- **Materials and supplies and other expenses** should be described in detail
- **Indirect Costs** are not charged to internal grants

Allowable expenses may include (but are not limited to):

- undergraduate and graduate student support
- materials and supplies

- travel for purposes of research and scholarship
- equipment to be used exclusively for proposed research and scholarship. Funds are not intended for large equipment purchases.
- records transcription

Un-allowable expenses include:

- PI course release
- payments to UMass Dartmouth faculty or staff consultants
- payments to students for non-research related activities
- creation or maintenance of institutional facilities or research materials
- writing of textbooks unless, in the opinion of the Committee, they constitute a significant scholarly contribution
- the development of a curriculum for specific courses or programs
- conference travel

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