

2024-25 Creative Work and Social Impact Scholarship Funding Program (CWSIS) Call for Proposals

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The CWSIS program is a strategically focused investment strategy that enhances faculty capacity and University prestige. The program supports scholarship in areas of creative work and social impact that have strong potential to enhance program and university rankings and bring greater visibility and recognition to our faculty and institution. In addition to raising the visibility and influence of Auburn University, CWSIS projects may attract external funding in the form of grants, industry partnerships and contracts, private foundation funding, and donor support. Investing in CWSIS supports the university's strategic plan by elevating scholarly impact, investing in outstanding people who advance the university's mission, and providing an exceptional student experience. The program will provide opportunities for faculty to apply for funding in the following disciplines:

Design and the Arts: Architecture, landscape architecture, interior architecture, interior design, industrial design, environmental design, apparel design, consumer and design sciences, graphic arts, visual arts, studio arts, performing arts (music, dance, theater, etc.), creative writing, and other relevant fields.

Humanities: English, foreign languages, literature, linguistics, philosophy, history, history of art and architecture, archaeology, ethics, and other relevant fields.

Social Impact Scholarship: Applicable scholarship within business, education, social sciences, health and well-being, and relevant activity in other fields such as quantitative and qualitative research, policy research, urban and community planning, design for health, best practices/evaluation research, outreach scholarship, and other social impact scholarship.

Interdisciplinary Research: Proposals that connect the Creative Work/Social Impact disciplines with STEM disciplines may fit with either the CWSIS or the Research Support Program (RSP) program areas. Teams developing these types of submissions should determine whether the proposal fits more with CWSIS or with the RSP and submit to the best-fitting program area. Interdisciplinary research proposals submitted to the CWSIS may have funding/resource needs outside of typical CWSIS proposals. Collaborative teams should consult with the ADRs associated with their colleges for input and guidance.

* With this background it is important to note that The OSVPRED will fund external reviews for up to five (5) proposals from each constituent college that participates in the intramural funding programs (i.e., across CWSIS and RSP combined). In addition, the OSVPRED may fund up to ten (10) proposals from both the CWSIS Program and the RSP Program *in toto*, not per program.

Project Budget Information: Proposers may request between \$2,000 and \$25,000 from the OSVPRED with a 1:1 mandatory matching contribution between the OSVPRED and the College(s)/Department(s). For example, if \$25,000 is requested from the OSVPRED, a \$25,000 match is required for a proposed total project cost of \$50,000.

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PROGRAM PRIORITIES

This program is intended to foster the development and growth of innovative and transformational creative/research activities. Priority will be given to -

- Faculty with limited current and cumulative funding or faculty pivoting to a new creative/scholarly project
- Projects with the ability to attract recognition, partnerships, or extramural funding (*The applicant should be prepared to explain the creative output that is planned or identify a potential sponsor/funding opportunity related to the project*).
- Faculty working collaboratively in cross-disciplinary projects

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility follows the [University's Statement of Principal Investigator Eligibility](#)

Each eligible faculty member may serve as a PI on only one grant (CWSIS or RSP) per year but can serve as a co-I on an unlimited number of grants.

Past Awarded PIs

A PI cannot submit an additional proposal while leading an ongoing CWSIS or RSP project (e.g., if a PI is leading a two-year CWSIS or RSP grant, the PI cannot apply for another CWSIS or RSP grant in the second year of the existing grant, even if all other requirements are met).

PI is eligible to apply for a CWSIS grant during the upcoming funding cycle if:

- The PI has not received a CWSIS or RSP grant within the last three years or
- The PI has received a CWSIS or RSP grant within the last three years, but that project will be concluded by the start of the upcoming funding cycle.
- The PI has developed valuable partnerships, can show evidence of external visibility for their work, has submitted one or more grant proposals to an extramural source(s), and/or has clear evidence of other forms of ROI resulting from the most recent CWSIS or RSP funded project.

Past Awardees should be prepared to submit a detailed description of the ROI activities related to the funded project

Exceptions or modifications to PI eligibility for a specific project will be determined by reviewing ADRs.

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS OPENS

October 30, 2024

The Office of the Senior Vice President for Research and Economic Development (OSVPRED) announces the Fall 2024 call for proposals for the CWSIS Funding Program.

- **Mandatory, non-binding Letters of Intent (LOI) are due by 4:45 p.m. on November 20, 2024.**
- **Full Proposals are due by 4:45 p.m. on January 15, 2025.**

Full proposals will undergo a thorough internal evaluation conducted by ADRs and their faculty review teams. Applicants recommended to proceed to the external review phase will have a one-and-a-half-week revision period before proposals are forwarded to the external reviewers.

Funding for all CWSIS grants is for a two-year period. Successful awards are contingent upon a 1:1 required match from the college/department.

Click here for CWSIS information.

For additional assistance, please contact Christine Cline (programmatic assistance; clc0165@auburn.edu, 334-844-5929).

KEY DATES

Letters of Intent (LOI) Requirement Opens & Request for Proposals Window Opens	10-30-24
Mandatory, non-binding LOI Due (no later than 4:45 pm) <i>** The LOI is for information purposes and is not part of a selection process. You will not receive a response to your LOI. Continue in the process of working on your full proposal.</i>	11-20-24
Full Proposals Due (no later than 4:45 pm)	1-15-25
Internal Proposal Review	1-17-25 – 2-24-25
Selected Applicants Revision Period <i>**Applicants will be given a link through InfoReady if selected to Phase Two. PI must fill out & upload revised application (even if no changes were made) to Phase Two by end of Revision Period.</i>	2-25-25 – 3-7-25
External Review Period	3-10-25 – 4-7-25
ADR Final Review Period	4-8-25 – 4-14-25
OSVPRED will finalize and approve funding decisions; final decisions will be emailed to lead PIs	May 2025