



Purpose	The Collaborative Research and Creative Activity Initiative is designed to foster new collaborative research and creative activities between faculty members from different disciplines. Proposals that create and integrate ideas across the arts, sciences, humanities, and all professional colleges will be most competitive. Research partnerships across GVSU units and between GVSU and other universities and institutions are strongly encouraged.
Eligibility	Tenured or tenure-track faculty members on continuing appointment are eligible. Visiting Faculty, Affiliate Faculty, Adjunct Faculty, and Staff can be co-Principal Investigator (PI), but not lead PI.
Funding Limitations	Only one proposal per review cycle and up to a maximum funding of \$10,000. Supports faculty summer stipends, student help, supplies, necessary travel, and other costs of projects (Travels to conferences are excluded). A total of up to \$5,000 may be requested in salary for the PI(s). The salary requested should be proportionate to the amount of effort expended by the faculty member and should be indicated in terms of time period and equivalent corresponding percent of effort
Funding Cycles and Deadlines	Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of merit. There will be two submission cycles per year with deadlines at the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on October 1st and March 1st of each year. The duration of the grant is one year (no extensions). Apply online through "My Apps" (www.gvsu.edu/csce/grants).
Review Process	Collaborative Research and Creative Activity Initiative proposals are awarded by a competitive review process. Proposals are reviewed by a committee composed of faculty from several disciplines, and therefore must be written to be understood by members of these multi-disciplinary review committees, i.e., an educated lay audience, rather than by narrow specialists in your field. Criteria used in evaluating proposals include: project justification, significance of project, appropriateness of project design and methods, qualifications of the applicant for implementing the project, probability of achieving project objectives, and appropriateness of the schedule for project activities, if applicable. All of these criteria must be judged in terms of the likelihood that the project will result in the acquisition of future external funding and/or recognition for the faculty member, his or her department, and the University.