

FAQ

How many Collaborative applications are funded?

In recent years, 0-3 Collaborative applications have been funded per review cycle, about 3 per year. Roughly 35% of Collaborative applications have been funded.

Are there any common reasons that Collaborative applications are not funded?

Here are some frequent problems:

- Applicants fail to demonstrate bona fide, original collaboration. For example, an applicant in the social sciences asking a lab scientist or statistician to perform a routine analysis would not be viewed favorably in terms of collaboration. If, however, the social scientist and statistician showed that they jointly developed and articulated the project and were using a non-routine method or approach, this would be viewed favorably. One indicator of bona fide, original collaboration would be that the two (or more) collaborators both authored the narrative of the application. Another indicator would be that the two (or more) collaborators both would be able to publish an article in their field based on the project.
- Applicants do not come from different disciplines and/or areas of expertise. It is possible for the two (or more) collaborators to come from the same department or units, but the application must make the case that the methods or approaches taken by the collaborators differ substantially and are not routinely used simultaneously in that discipline or area. Conversely, two applicants from nominally different disciplines that appear to be using highly similar methods or approaches might not be viewed favorably.

May I allocate funding in my budget for reassigned time?

Yes. You may budget for reassigned time. Please allocate the cost of \$3,000.00 for a 3-credit course. It is imperative that your letter of support from your unithead indicates their support for your reassigned time. It is important that you indicate which semester you plan on requesting your reassignment. Approval for the reassignment is dependent on support from your unit and your college.

Do I need to report the reassigned time on the Faculty Activity Report?

Yes. The extra time for the proposed project is accountable by normal University standards.

Can I request summer stipend support on a Collaborative Initiative?

Yes. The request for proposals (RFP) indicates that you are able to allocate up to \$5000 in stipend support. The request for stipend support must be well justified and match the time commitments of the research team. Stipend support can be split between collaborators based off of the level of effort described within the proposal.