

The University of Cincinnati Office of Research  
**UC Coalition for Change (C3) Fund**

*Funding is available to support up to five \$10000 awards*

Building on previous and current internal investments as part of [Research2030](#), the Office of Research seeks to incentivize novel research, exceptional scholarship, and the production of creative and performing art that addresses issues of increasing significance to our community - *Fostering research with community impact*.

**This funding opportunity follows a two-step, LOI and finalist round process** open to UC faculty whose proposed activities can be defined or characterized as research with community impact. The C3 Fund is \$50k. The application budget limit per proposal is \$10k.

The first stage of this process involves the submission of a 2-page letter of interest (LOI). Up to fifteen finalists will then be invited to submit a full proposal and pitch at a pitch event that will be held in the spring.

Applicants are asked to consider, articulate, and ultimately measure how the proposed project will positively impact the community and society. As high-level frames of reference, the Office of Research refers applicants to two impact frameworks:

[The Arts & Social Impact Explorer](#)  
[United Nations Sustainable Development Goals \(UNSDGs\)](#)

**KEY DATES**

FOA Release: Thursday, January 11, 2024

LOI Deadline: Friday, February 2, 2024, 5:00 pm EST

Finalists Notified: Week of February 26, 2024 (*anticipated*)

Final Proposal Deadline: Friday, March 29, 2024, 5:00 pm EST (for finalists only)

Finalist Pitch Presentations: Week of April 29, 2024 (*anticipated*)

Grantees Announced: Week of May 13, 2024 (*anticipated*)

Grant Project Period: May 2024 – May 2026

**Eligibility & expectations:**

- Eligible applicants include UC faculty members with at least an 80% FTE appointment;
- Faculty holding a primary appointment in one of UC's affiliates (CCHMC, VA and Shriners) are eligible to contribute effort to a team, but may not be the primary applicant;
- External collaborators are eligible and expected to contribute effort to the research team, but may not be primary applicant;
- Faculty at all stages in their career are eligible and encouraged to apply.

## LOI: Information required

All applicants will be required to provide their name, UC email, UC ID-number, college, department/unit, date of hire/appointment at UC, and proposal title within the Wizehive portal prior to uploading the required pdf file. Also, applicants are required to select the area designation for review/award based on their proposed activities, which can differ from their department/unit home.

The LOI should contain the following information in the order listed below and will be submitted as a single PDF file. Figures/images may be included but cannot be used to exceed the page limit. No hyperlinks or redirects to external information may be included. Your submission must adhere to general requirements of 12-point font, 1 inch margins, and single column layout.

1. Research Interest and Impact (2 pages maximum)
  - Title of Research Project
  - Name, Title, College, and Department of primary applicant
  - Names, Titles, College, & Department of internal/affiliate collaborators
  - Names, Titles, and Organization names of external collaborators
  - Problem Statement (300 word max) *What problem do you want to solve & why?*
  - Approach (300 word max) *How are you going to solve this problem?*
  - Impact (300 word max) *What is the anticipated outcome and who will be ultimately impacted?*
2. Bibliography (1-page max – any standard format is acceptable)
3. 3-page biosketch/CV (template available on the website)

## LOI: Submission

As mentioned above, applicants must submit LOIs via our online system, *Wizehive*, a user-friendly, platform. When the platform is ready to accept LOIs, the live link to apply will be posted at <https://research.uc.edu/funding/overview>.

## LOI: Review Criteria

- Research project merit
- Clarity, significance, and relevance of project & the problem the project addresses
- Innovation/creativity/feasibility of the proposed approach
- Suitability of the applicant/team to undertake and complete the proposed project.
- Compliance with Application Guidelines in the FOA and the submission portal.

## Finalist Selection & Review Process

Each Pilot LOI will be reviewed by a team assembled by the Vice President for Research. Up to fifteen finalists will be invited to submit a full proposal. Details on the full proposal process and required materials will be distributed to all finalists directly. Neither comments nor feedback on LOIs will be provided to applicants, however, scores, comments & feedback on **full proposals** will be made available to finalists following the public announcement of awards.

## Awardee Terms & Conditions

1. Allowable costs are those listed in the primary applicant's proposal budget;
2. Grant funds cannot be used for direct support of CCHMC, VA or Shriner's employees and/or for supplemental salary for UC faculty;
3. Neither indirect costs nor graduate or undergraduate student tuition can be charged to research funded via Office of Research funds;
4. No-cost extensions not allowable;
5. All work resulting from the internally funded research efforts must acknowledge "University of Cincinnati, Office of Research, (and the name the particular internal program)" as the research funding source;
6. Grantees agree to submit a final report ('impact report') which clearly indicates project outcomes, deliverables and impacts upon completion of the project at the end of the funding term.
7. Grantees agree to allow the UC Office of Research to the internally funded research project via the web, social media, news outlets, and the Office of Research newsletter, Findings.
8. By accepting these funds, you agree to serve as a reviewer for Office of Research internal funding programs two years following the date of award (FY25, FY26).

#### QUESTIONS?

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