

**UNITE HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH
CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

Release Date: **05/10/2022**

Application Deadline: **08/30/2022**

Project Duration: **12 months**

Pilot funding is available to support projects of merit that explore racial equity from a humanities/humanistic social sciences lens. UNITE seeks to fund projects that consist of teams of at least two scholars at different career stages, from undergraduates to senior scholars. Interdisciplinary collaboration is encouraged, but not required. Part of UNITE's mission is to support research focused on racial disparities, racial health equity, social and racial justice that will result in "impactful scholarly outputs and extramural funding for sustainability." For more information on the UNITE RPA see <https://www.research.uky.edu/unite-research-priority-area/unite-research-priority-area>.

A challenge for humanities and humanistic social science researchers is often finding collaborative spaces to develop publications and larger grant projects. To help provide such spaces, UNITE requests proposals that will convene two or more scholars in pursuit of impactful work focused on racial equity.

Participants will be expected to participate in regular (at least monthly) meetings with research collaborators throughout the project year. **Tangible results are expected from the funding: e.g., a grant application; co-authored publication or collection (including a themed issue of a peer-reviewed journal or a series of articles in both scholarly and general audience outlets); digital publication or project; or conference/symposium (preferably with proceedings to be published).**

A maximum of \$12,000 will be awarded for a period of 12 months. The number of awards will depend on the type of proposals received. Eligibility is limited to full-time faculty (all title series including regular, research, clinical and special) at the University of Kentucky who are members of UNITE. Investigators in training including students, residents, post-doctoral fellows, and clinical fellows are not eligible to serve as PIs but may serve as co-investigators. All applicants must be a member of UNITE, please email unite-rpa@uky.edu to request membership. Applications are due **August 30th, 2022**.

Submit the application as a single (1) PDF file to unite-rpa@uky.edu. Applications must be single-spaced, at least 11-point Arial font, and adhere to standard grant 1/2-inch margins. **Applications that do not adhere to the font size or spacing requirements will not be reviewed.** Proposal submission through OSPA is not required.

Applications must include:

- UNITE Pilot Grant Cover Page
- Abstract of collaboration topic (300 words or less)
- Project Aims (1 page)
- Statement of previous research and project research plan (2 pages)
 - Include a timeline for activities
 - Describe the plans beyond the pilot project, including dissemination plans and submissions for extramural funding (**e.g., please include specific publication outlets, plans for extramural funding and application date**)

- References do not count towards the 3-page total.
- 250-word bio for each investigator with each investigator's role on the project clearly outlined
- Budget/justification (1 page) Provide detailed justification for each budget item or category.
 - Allowable expenses include: manuscript preparation costs, student research assistants, equipment, travel costs associated with conducting the research, costs associated with convening a conference, registration for conference attendance, up to 1 month of summer salary for those faculty on 9-10 month contracts, participant payments and other standard research expenditures.
 - Non-allowable expenses include salary for 11- or 12-month faculty
 - Note: the review committee will make budgetary recommendations that may impact the final award amount.
- Statement of collaborative support from the PIs department or college (1 page). Examples of collaborative support may include but are not limited to: monetary support for the project, effort from a staff member to assist with project execution, release of duties to execute the project, etc.
- Letter(s) of support (e.g., community partners, consultants, data, or facilities access needed to complete the project)
- Should any component of the research theme require the use of human subjects, please indicate whether Institutional Research Board approval has been submitted.

Reporting Requirements: All publications, presentations, and other creative activities resulting from this award must include the following acknowledgement: "Funding was provided, in part, by the United in True Racial Equity Research Priority Area at the University of Kentucky."

One (1) page final report due at project completion detailing the tangible result required, participant activities, including plans for publication, dissemination, and future funding.

Recipients are expected to be responsive to ongoing contact from the UNITE RPA to assess progress and outcomes from the award. Awardees are also required to present findings at UNITE-sponsored events.

Application deadlines and key dates:

08/30/2022: Applications due

10/15/2022: Selected applicants notified (no later than)

Project period: 12 months from project start date (project start date is dependent on IRB approval and disbursement of funds but must be within 45 days of award notification date). Projects must have IRB and other applicable required regulatory approvals in place before funding will begin.

Please address specific application questions to Leah Holton (leah.holton@uky.edu).

Review Criteria

Proposals will be reviewed by a UNITE Humanities/ Social Sciences Committee. Each proposal will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

Significance: (i.e., Does the project address an important issue in the field? Does the study have potential to generate knowledge relevant to racial equity? Is the project accessible to a broad audience and rooted in constituent communities?)

Innovation: (i.e., Does the proposal utilize novel theoretical concepts, approaches, methodologies, instrumentation or apply existing concepts to new problems?) Preference will be given to proposals for interdisciplinary and intersectional works.

Approach: (i.e., Are the intended research activities well-described and feasible? Are the overall strategy, methodology, and analyses well-reasoned and appropriate to accomplish the specific aims of the project?)

Investigator(s): (i.e., Does the PI have the appropriate experience and training, evidence of productivity and/or potential to be an investigator in the area of racial equity? Does the PI and research team have the required expertise and experience to conduct the proposed research study? Does the project include scholars at different career stages, from undergraduates to senior scholars?)

Evidence of future research and funding potential: (i.e., Does the proposed research show clear evidence of potential for future funding in racial equity research? Does the project have public relevance, accessibility, and intellectual promise?)



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PILOT GRANT COVER PAGE**

Section A: CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

Principal Investigator Name & Title: _____

Department & College: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

UNITE RPA Member: Yes No

Section B: OTHER PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR(S), CO-INVESTIGATOR(S), OR COLLABORATOR(S)

Name, Role on Project, & College: _____

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Section C: DEPARTMENT BUSINESS MANAGER (Individual specific to PI's college or academic unit)

Name: _____

Department &/or College: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Section D: TITLE OF PILOT PROJECT

Pilot Project Title: _____

Section E: BUDGET

Proposed Dates: Start Date: _____ End Date: _____

Amount Requested: _____



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Section F: RESEARCH AREA

Which UK research priority area does your proposal address (select all that apply):

- Substance Use
- Cancer
- Cardiovascular Disease
- Diabetes and Obesity
- Cerebrovascular/neuroscience
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Energy
- Other, please specify _____

Section G: PRIOR REVIEW

➤ **Has this project been previously submitted for internal grant funding?**

- Yes No

If Yes, please provide:

- Date Submitted: _____
- Grant Mechanism (e.g., IRC, VPR pilot funding): _____
- Score & Summary of Feedback:



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➤ **Has this project been previously submitted for external grant funding?**

Yes No

If Yes, please provide:

- Date Submitted: _____
- Grant Mechanism/Funding Agency (e.g., R03, NIDA): _____
- Score & Summary of Feedback:

**Section H: REVIEW/APPROVAL REQUIRED BY UNIVERSITY POLICY &
FEDERAL LAW**

➤ **Does this project involve the use of human subjects?**

Yes No

If Yes, the project MUST be reviewed and approved by the appropriate Institutional Review Board (IRB) prior to funding start. Please provide:

- IRB Protocol Number: _____
- Date Approved: _____
- If not approved yet, IRB date submitted _____



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RESEARCH PRIORITY AREA

Section G. Abstract (300 words or fewer)