



2018 New American Colleges and Universities Collaboration, Growth, and Innovation (CGI) Grant Program

2018 Application Deadline: December 1, 2017

Anticipated Notification Deadline: February 1, 2018

Applications materials may be emailed to Michelle Apuzzio, Assistant Director, NAC&U:
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The application must include:

- A letter of support from the applicant's dean or vice president for academic affairs
- A letter of commitment from collaborators

Program Description

The New American Colleges & Universities (NAC&U) seek to encourage and facilitate cross-institutional collaborative projects that involve NAC&U faculty, administrators, staff, and students. The Collaboration, Growth and Innovation (CGI) Grant Program is designed to facilitate connections among faculty members across member institutions and to seed collaborative projects in the areas of teaching, service, research, and scholarship. By leveraging the diverse strengths of our campuses, faculty members can enhance the national profile of NAC&U through their activities.

Project Goals

The goals of the CGI Program are to:

- Provide a forum for cross-institutional collaborations for faculty to pursue projects of common interest.
- Increase the educational and collaborative benefits of NAC&U membership and extend these in specific ways to students enrolled at our campuses.
- Enhance the national profile and mission of NAC&U by fostering climates and opportunities for cross-collaboration, research, publications, and grant writing
- Create an environment for program growth and development of new initiatives (such as collaborative work in digital humanities) while offering opportunities for problem solving while advancing the broader mission of NAC&U either nationally or globally.

Selection of Participants and Funding

Proposals for the CGI Grant Program must include faculty members from two or more NAC&U institutions from either the same or different disciplines. ***Please note that civic engagement coordinators and institutional research directors are also eligible to apply.*** The CGI grants will support the planning and development, and not the implementation, of collaborative projects. Project proposals should include the following:

1. Description of the focus of the collaboration (e.g., enhancing teaching, a joint research project, submission of a co-authored paper or grant proposal, creation of civic engagement activities for students).
2. Description of the project that includes (a) the expected outcomes, (b) a statement of how the project contributes to faculty development and enhancement of NAC&U, and (c) a tentative budget not to exceed \$5,000.

The completion deadline for funded activities in the proposal timeline is December 2018.

Proposals will be evaluated on the caliber of cross-institutional collaboration, originality or innovation of the project, and the potential for continuing and/or scaling the collaboration. The selection committee will consist of administrators from several NAC&U member institutions.

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