Flash Funding Competition

The Center for Health Communication (CHC) invites UT-Austin faculty, staff, and students to compete in a flash funding competition that is part of the CHC's Mental Health & Health Communication theme. Mental health is a pressing public health issue, and as operationalized in our 2-year theme, encompasses a broad continuum across which communication is integral, including mental health promotion for all, stigma reduction, and treatment optimization.

Participants in this program will have three hours to prepare and submit a grant proposal. The purpose of the flash funding competition is to facilitate interdisciplinary connections and support projects that can advance research and practice in mental health and health communication. After coffee and networking at 8:30am, the competition will be held between 9am and 12pm on February 21, 2019. Funding announcements will be made at the end of the day's symposium at 4:30pm. To RSVP and learn more about the event, including the afternoon agenda: http://bit.ly/CHCflashfunding

Faculty and Staff Competition

The CHC will award up to $15,000 in grant support to teams led by UT-Austin faculty or staff, which will be awarded to an as-yet determined number of grantees. There is not a recommended budget range per proposal, and all budgets and projects will be reviewed as part of the greater applicant pool. Interdisciplinary projects and community partnerships are encouraged to help meet the goals of this program to facilitate new research and community connections. Single Principal Investigator (PI) proposals will not be accepted. Research teams will be limited to four Co-PIs/Co-Investigators.

Student Competition

The CHC will also make a single award of $1,000 to a project led by a UT-Austin undergrad or graduate student; projects can include other students, faculty, or community members – but the project must be student-led. The student receiving the grant must be enrolled for the 2019-20 academic year.

Timeline for Funded Projects

Funding will be announced by the end of the symposium. Projects must have IRB approval (if applicable) before funds will be released. Projects must be complete by May 31, 2020. A progress report (Dec 2019) and final report (May 2020) will be required.

Application and Review Process

The format and requirements for grant applications, as well as the final evaluation criteria, will be shared at the symposium at the start of the flash funding competition. A template will be provided for a 3-page proposal for final submission via e-mail.
Evaluation criteria will include, but may not be limited to: relevance of the proposal to the CHC mission; eligibility of investigator(s); interdisciplinarity team and approach; feasibility of accomplishing project goals within the project timeframe; and appropriateness of budget for proposed activities.

CHC staff will be present during the flash funding competition to answer questions from applicants, including questions about budgets. A panel of CHC staff and affiliates will review applications to make funding decisions by the end of the symposium.

Budget Requests
Please reference the table below for allowable and non-allowable expenditures for grant applications.

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Planning on Participating?
If you are planning on attending the flash funding competition, please keep in mind:

- Bring a laptop to download the proposal template, collaborate, and submit a proposal.
- The room for the symposium (HLB 1.111) will be available for teams to work during the competition.
- Attendees will have the opportunity and be encouraged to network before and during the event; the symposium and this program are intended to make new connections across campus and the community.

About the Center for Health Communication
The UT Center for Health Communication (CHC) is a joint academic center of the Moody College of Communication and the Dell Medical School. The CHC defines health communication as the science and art of using communication to advance the health and well-being of people and populations. The CHC’s mission is to mobilize an interdisciplinary group of scholars and practitioners to create evidence-based health communication scholarship, education, and public health practice.