



Fostering Equity and Inclusion: Designing Initiatives that Advance Connections, Engagement, Completion, and Student Success

Deadline: March 19, 2019

Created by President DeRionne Pollard, the Montgomery College Foundation's Innovation Fund Grant will award up to \$44,000 for innovative projects that support student success. The fund is for faculty, staff, administrators, and students to submit grants that plan and implement new and creative initiatives that enhance the education of Montgomery College students and specifically address student success equity, and completion. We are looking for your big ideas and your best thinking.

What Innovation Fund Grants are for:

- * Innovative, "out-of-the-box" thinking;
- * Creation of a new program;
- * Revision/addition/scaling of existing programs or processes;
- * Projects related to student affairs or academic affairs;
- * Projects related to classes/courses that go beyond the typical classroom experience and affects multiple courses and/or sections;
- * Projects that create opportunities for and support student success – on the academic, student support, or operational side of the institution.

What Innovation Fund Grants are not for:

- * Day to day operation funds of programs;
- * Expansion of existing programs unless it is an innovative addition;
- * Conferences;
- * Professional development;
- * Classroom speakers, supplies, or other instructional support except as necessary for the innovation.

The proposal must include:

- a stated connection to one or more elements of the grant’s theme;
- a description of the proposed project;
- how this project is designed to improve student success;
- how the project leverages expertise across disciplines or units to provide an innovative solution;
- measurable outcomes;
- supporting data;
- estimated number of students (directly or indirectly) affected by the project;
- timeline for implementation;
- budget explanation/justification.

Supervisor support is necessary prior to awarding funding. Applicants are encouraged to have a conversation about the grant application with a supervisor prior to submitting.

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The best grant applications will be those that are able to clearly articulate how the proposed, innovative project helps improve student success through a connection to the theme of fostering educational excellence, advancing inclusive learning, and providing equitable student success opportunities. Priority will be given to larger initiatives that focus on innovations leveraging expertise and perspectives across disciplines and/or units. Collaboration among faculty, staff, administrators, and/or students is essential. Big, creative, boundary-pushing ideas are encouraged that may stir up an anxious excitement at the new possibilities this proposed project may create for MC students on their paths to success.

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Proposals are due Tuesday, March 19, 2019

Innovation Fund Grant Timeline:

March 19, 2019	Grant proposals due.
April 2019	President’s Executive Cabinet selects winners.
April 2019	Notifications sent to grant applicants.
May 2019	Grant winners recognized at closing meeting and announced in Inside MC.
May 2020	Grant projects conclude by end of semester.
June 2020	Submit project evaluations and reflections.

Additional information is available on the MC Foundation Innovations Works Grant Website: <https://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/innovationworks/>

Questions?

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