Call for Proposals
Innovation Farm Program

The Innovation Farm program was designed 1) to encourage networks of interdisciplinary scholars as "working groups" and 2) to support innovative projects that enhance scholarly and artistic life at the University of Arizona.

Working groups include faculty from the colleges of Fine Arts, Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences, and other colleagues from both the university and the community. Projects should produce new interdisciplinary initiatives that lead to sustainable programs, research models, technology trials, community partnerships, and entrepreneurial ventures.

Innovation Farm projects depend on extensive collaboration and dedicated support to be successful. Working groups should be able to use project achievements as "proof of concept" for seeking additional funding from external agencies and donors to sustain their research projects.

Eligibility
1. Each working group must include at least four, tenured or tenure-eligible, UA faculty as core members (.49 FTE minimum required).
2. At least two of the core members must represent two different colleges from CFA, COH, or SBS. The other two core members may come from other colleges.
3. Working groups can involve non-tenure eligible faculty in project activities.
4. Working groups can involve faculty from STEM and/or other relevant fields.
5. Working groups can include non-academics like non-profit members, independent artists, and community or business leaders not affiliated with the UA.
6. Each working group must have a point person (director or PI from CFA, COH, or SBS) who will submit the proposal, and represent the group if the proposal is funded.

Proposal Deadline
March 10th, 2017 (no later than 5 p.m.)

Awards
Recipients will receive up to $15,000 in seed funding to be used over a period of three semesters (not including summers) to complete a project.

Announcements
Decisions regarding finalists will be made by the end of April, and award winners will be announced in early May.

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Application Process

Written Proposal
A written proposal including the information below should be submitted as a single PDF file, and uploaded on the Confluncenter website.

1. Project summary/abstract (300 words, maximum)
2. Project narrative (1,500 words, maximum)
   a. Project rationale and goals
   b. Project activities and timetable
   c. Member roles and/or contributions
   d. Anticipated deliverables
   e. Benchmarks for evaluating progress and success
   f. External funding agencies most likely to support future activities
3. Detailed budget and justification (please note the restrictions below)
   a. Faculty salaries cannot be included in the budget.
   b. Course buyouts cannot be supported by IF funds.
   c. Only limited domestic travel can be included in the budget.
   d. If project expenses exceed $15,000, identify other sources providing funding.
4. Participant CVs (two pages maximum for each)

Group Interview
Confluencenter staff will meet with each proposed working group to discuss the activities, timeline, and budget outlined in the proposal.

Proposal Evaluation
Proposals will be evaluated on the criteria listed below.

- **Innovative** by developing or improving research models and/or modes of creative expression to address complex social and intellectual problems, artistic challenges, or pedagogic questions.
- **Collaborative** by pooling resources and expertise from diverse disciplines and professional domains.
- **Promotes knowledge transfer and academic entrepreneurialism** by marketing UA creative research and artistic accomplishments.
- **Engages the public** by making the arts, humanities and social sciences broadly accessible.
- **Achieves viability** by developing "pilot" projects of interest to external funding agencies and private donors.

Logistics

Funding
Award funds will be transferred into a designated university account.

- The working group's director or PI will act as the group's point person, and submit requests for payment of project expenses to the business manager in their unit.
- The business manager in the PI's unit will disperse funds on an as-needed basis to cover project expenses as they accrue.
- Any unused funds must be returned to the Confluencenter at the end of the project.

Reports
A progress report must be submitted at the end of each academic semester and a final report at the end of the project. Benchmarks identified in the initial proposal should be used as the basis for each report. Project expenses and funds balance should be included in each report.

If a working group fails to submit a progress report and/or meet pre-determined benchmarks, the Confluencenter will request that the group's financial account be frozen. The group will have one month to rectify the situation, or be withdrawn from the Innovation Farm program.

A final report must be submitted within two years of receiving the initial funding. This report should describe the group's accomplishments, note any programming, publications, or community partnerships made possible by Confluencenter seed-funding and identify any external funding as a result of the Innovation Farm award.

Acknowledgements
Working groups should acknowledge the Confluencenter's support in any publications made possible by Innovation Farm funding and display the Confluencenter's logo in any project-related publicity.