

UGA-UoL Humanities and Social Sciences Seed Grant Guidelines 2025



Office of Global Engagement

Deadline: Proposals are due by 5:00 pm (Eastern) on **Friday, May 30, 2025.**

Award Description

In support of the UGA-UoL Humanities and Social Sciences Summit, the UGA Office of Global Engagement is launching a one-time UGA-UoL Humanities and Social Sciences Seed Grant Program. The purpose of this support is to encourage the development of sustainable research collaboration or other joint activities aimed at generating extramural funding among UGA and University of Liverpool faculty within the humanities and social sciences. Two grants, one in the Humanities and one in the Social Sciences, each up to \$15,000, will be awarded to support preliminary research and the preparation of external funding proposals. The Office of Global Engagement will provide \$10,000, while the Owens Institute for Behavioral Research and the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences will each contribute \$5,000.

Eligibility

- You must be a faculty member within the Humanities or Social Sciences.
- Each proposal must have one, at minimum, UGA investigator and one UoL investigator. Larger teams and interdisciplinary projects are encouraged.
- To be eligible, proposals must identify and commit to pursue specific sources of external funding as a result of the activities enabled by the seed grant.

Funding

- Grants will be in an amount of up to \$15,000. Expenditures may include travel and other collaborative efforts, such as preliminary data collection, feasibility studies, and proposal preparation costs.
- Travel proposed must be necessary to the articulated output of the identified research collaboration.
- Proposals may be funded in an amount less than requested and investigators may request less than the maximum amount.

Required Proposal Content and Submission Instructions

The following proposal components are required and must be submitted via the online proposal form. The full proposal should be uploaded as a single PDF file. Save and return is not available so applicants should have documents prepared for upload prior to completing the form. Clicking “Submit” is a final transmission of the proposal.

Preliminary information entered on the proposal submission form:

- Title of project
- Name, affiliation, and email of UGA principal investigator (PI)
- Name, affiliation, and email of other UGA investigators
- Name, affiliation, and email of all UoL investigators

Upload as one PDF:

- Summary of planned project for non-expert (no more than 500 words)
- Description of preparatory activities to be funded by the grant (1/2 page max)
- Expected outcome of those activities, identifying by name the sponsor(s) and program(s) to which subsequent external funding requests will be submitted (1/2 page max)
- Budget, following the Faculty Research Grant Budget template found here: <https://research.uga.edu/docs/forms/iga/FSG-Budget-Template.xlsx>
- UGA PI's curriculum vitae
- UoL PI's curriculum vitae

Evaluation Criteria and Procedures

The Office of Global Engagement will coordinate vetting and approval of proposals. The following will be taken into account by the review teams:

- **Quality of the proposal:** The research project or other proposed joint activity presented in the proposal should be original, innovative, and clearly articulated.
- **Importance and strategic fit:** The proposal should explain the project's significance beyond the borders of the discipline and indicate how it aligns with larger institutional priorities.
- **Partnership development:** The proposal should demonstrate the potential to develop sustainable collaborations between UGA and UoL. Proposals that include additional matching funding will be prioritized.
- **Sustainability:** The proposal must articulate a credible plan to attract additional external funding, linking the preparatory activities for which grant funding is requested to specific future funding submissions.

Award Conditions

Grants are expected to start on July 1, 2025, and funds are to be spent within the current fiscal year of the award (end June 2026). An outcome report will be due on July 1, 2026. These reports should focus on what was accomplished and the status of attempts to obtain external funding.

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