

# HEALTH & HUMAN SCIENCES

## **Research Assistantship and Seed Funding Initiative**

The College of Health and Human Sciences (CHHS) Dean's Office invites CHHS faculty to apply for funding for a 12-month Graduate Research Assistant and seed money for collecting pilot data to be leveraged for an external research grant proposal.

### **Who is eligible?**

- Tenure-track CHHS faculty without current start-up or any other source of RA funding and faculty who do not hold endowed professorships/endowed chair positions

### **What is the grant amount and timeline?**

Two Graduate Research Assistants for 12-months (9/1/2025 – 8/31/2026) and \$5,000 to support the pilot project (e.g., supplies, laptop for RA, conference travel funding to meet with collaborators, participant payments, etc.) will be funded. Only one RA per department will be funded and the awards are not renewable.

### **What is required in the proposal?**

The proposal is limited to 4 pages and includes:

1. Brief overview of the pilot project to be conducted (e.g., rationale, research questions, goals, and role of the RA)
2. Budget and budget justification of project
3. Timeline for project and grant proposal submission process
4. Specific external research grant/RFP to be submitted based on data collected
5. Email from your Department Chair/School Director to Malinda Colwell with a brief statement of support of your application

### **How will the proposal be reviewed?**

Proposals will be evaluated based on

1. Submitting a complete application
2. Clarity of the grant proposal overview
3. Clarity of the role of the RA
4. Feasibility/timeline of pilot project and grant proposal writing and submission

### **Who will review the proposal?**

The Associate Dean for Academics and Faculty and the Associate Dean for Research will review proposals.

### **When is the proposal due?**

January 31, 2025 by 5pm

### **When does the grant money need to be spent/encumbered?**

August 31, 2026

### **When is external grant proposal due?**

January 31, 2027

### **When is a report of grant activity due?**

September 30, 2026

