

Queens College Research Enhancement Award (REA) Program

Program Purpose The Queens College Provost's Office invites proposals from professorial faculty members for Research Enhancement Awards. Proposals are intended to support research during July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021. The award budgets are expected to be up to \$5000 for most awards, with the possibility of bigger awards in exceptional cases (e.g. for collaborative proposals or for specific needs in seeking external funding). The purpose of the Research Enhancement Awards is to provide seed money that will lead to significant scholarly returns. The expected returns will depend on the nature of the disciplines.

- In disciplines where more external funding is available, the expected outcome will be external grant submissions in addition to publications, patents, and other research products.
- In disciplines where external funding is more limited, the expected outcome will be scholarly merits as evidenced by publication, fellowships, or other creative work.

Eligibility All professorial faculty (tenure / tenure track faculty, including full professors, associate professors, and assistant professors) may apply. Applications may be submitted by individuals or groups.

Budget The proposed budget may include a variety of research needs, including (but not limited to) research-related travel, student support, and research equipment or materials not provided by the university. Faculty summer salary will not be funded. Release time requests will not be considered for untenured faculty with remaining contractual release time. Proposals needing compliance approvals (research with human subjects, research with animals, etc.) must obtain these approvals before awards are made. PIs with other external or internal grants will be asked for an explanation for their current and pending support to ensure there is no duplicating support.

Submission An application should be in a single PDF file consisting of:

- Project Summary, An abstract of the proposed project in language accessible to an educated layperson, and an indication of how the award will lead to expected outcomes (1 page)
- Project Description (up to 3 pages)
 - Objectives and significance of the proposed project
 - Background and proposed approaches
 - Expected outcomes, including a plan for seeking external funding where applicable.
 - Statement on regulatory compliance if relevant (i.e., IRB, IACUC, IBC)
 - List of references (optional)
- Project Budget, with a brief justification (1 page)
- CV for each PI and co-PI (up to 2 pages each). Please provide indication for success with external funding, publications, or other significant results.

Completed applications should be submitted online at

[REA Submission Form](#)

Please enter basic information on the form, and then upload your application in a single document (pdf preferred) to the form. Please name your file in the format Dept - LastName.pdf (e.g. Econ - Smith.pdf). **Proposals are due December 31, 2019.**

Review Criteria The REA proposals will be evaluated on the following criteria

1. Significance of the proposed project, taking into factors of intellectual depth, impacts to the field.
2. Likelihood for the success of the project, including the promise for future external funding, publications, creative work, or other significant scholarly products.

Evaluation Process A faculty committee nominated by the Academic Deans will work with the Associate Provost for Research to review the proposals and recommend funding decisions. Upon approval by the Provost, the award decisions will be made and communicated to the applicants in Spring 2020.