The Gladys W. and David H. Patton College of Education announces a Request for Proposals (RFP) for research advancing the research on clinical, experiential, and/or field-based (internship) preparation for human service professionals. This RFP is open Ohio University-wide, requiring at least one member of the research team be a Group I faculty member in The Patton College. At least one site should be identified as the clinical placement; however, a representative from the site does not need to be part of the research team.

This competitive research grant opportunity aims to support collaborative work, focused on the clinical model of education for human services professionals. The clinical model is broadly defined to encompass clinical, experiential, and field-based education, including internships. The purpose of the research generated through the grant investment is to improve and enhance the academic experiences and learning outcomes of both undergraduate and graduate students pursuing human services credentials and professions. A priority is to focus on researching the implementation of clinical education for human services professionals and its impact on improving undergraduate/graduate student learning. Expected outcomes are sustainable research leveraged toward externally grant-funded activities and dissemination via published peer-reviewed manuscripts.

The purpose of including such interdisciplinary projects is threefold:

1. To generate interdisciplinary conversations, capitalizing on the synergy of ideas, on clinically-based education for human services professionals across Ohio University, particularly when clinical placements contribute to enhancing student learning.

2. To create an interdisciplinary language and network for those discussions, and

3. To provide a shared sense of purpose across departments and schools at Ohio University.

A funding pool of $100,000 has been established for annual distribution, for a period of 3 years.

1 Departments of: Counseling & Higher Education, Educational Studies, Human & Consumer Sciences, Recreation and Sport Pedagogy, Teacher Education
Proposals must foster initiatives related to the abovementioned purposes and address areas or issues of clinically based instruction that may include (but are not limited to):

- development of practicing professionals,
- furthering the design, development, and implementation of clinically based education of human service professionals,
- studying roles of family and community in clinically based education of human services professionals,
- compensation of site supervisors,
- compensation models for students engaged in clinical/experiential/field-based education of human services professionals,
- site-specific learning cultures,
- mentor (site) supervisor roles and/or supervisor – student mentoring, and
- professional development delivery models.

This project welcomes quantitative, qualitative, or mixed methodologies.

**Eligibility:** All Group I faculty members employed by Ohio University are eligible to apply for funding. At least one member of the research team must be a Group I faculty member in The Patton College.

**Awards:** Each annual award is expected to range from of $20K - $50K per year, depending on the scope and length of the project. Projects may range from 1-3 years, with funding after the first year contingent upon successful completing of previous year’s scope of work.

**Application requirements:** An information session, for the purpose of defining the clinical education in human services professions, outlining the scope of research, and sharing various human services clinical models currently engaged by potential grant applicants, will be held on **Tuesday September 27 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** in the Living Learning Center large conference room 102/104. (This meeting space is located across from the Ohio University Golf and Tennis Center in the new residence hall complex). A networking lunch will be provided from **12:00-1:00** for the purpose of meeting other faculty and potentially building expanded teams of researchers for the RFP. At least one member of each submission team must attend this information session. Faculty who have ideas for research projects are encouraged to be prepared to share their thoughts and to recruit additional research partners on September 27. Letters of intent are due **Monday October 31, 2016**.

All applications for research grants (due **Saturday December 3, 2016, 11:59 p.m.**) must include:
- Contact information on the PI and Co-PI’s (cover page)
- Abstract of the proposed research project (not to exceed 100 words)
- Statement of how this research will contribute data related to student learning. (max 1 page)
- Statement of how this research will advance our understanding of the impact or design of clinically based education (max 1 page)
- Statement of how this research advances interdisciplinarity in clinical education (max 1 page)
- Research proposal (limited to 5 single-spaced pages) that addresses the following:
  - Problem statement
  - Theoretical or conceptual framework for the research
  - Brief review of the relevant research/literature
  - Research questions
  - Description of methodology including proposed data and criteria
    - for selecting data (i.e. groups used, exclusions to sample, and estimated sample sizes), selection of variables and rationale for using them, analytic techniques, and feasibility of the study
Connections between the potential findings and the research goals outlined in the proposal abstract concerning student learning and the development of human services professionals.

Expected outcomes/benefits of the project

Dissemination plans for the work

References

Proposed Budget (with justification for all planned expenses)

Project Timeline (award notification expected January 9, 2017)

Applicant’s and Co-PI’s abbreviated (3-page limit) CVs, to include the following:
   - Academic employment history
   - Relevant publications and presentations
   - Relevant professional affiliations/memberships

Letter of Support from Department Chair(s) of all authors.

Application and Notification Deadlines:

Letters of Intent are due Monday October 31, 2016. Changes to the research teams and research projects are permitted after the submission of LOI’s.

The first round application deadline is Saturday December 3, 2016. All proposals must be submitted electronically to Ann Paulins (paulins@ohio.edu) with copy to Chip Rice (rice@ohio.edu). The PI should copy all Co-I’s on the submission email. Inquires should be directed to Ann Paulins, Senior Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies in The Patton College (paulins@ohio.edu).

Proposal review will begin immediately following the application deadline. Notifications of award is expected to be made in January 2017 for disbursement in Fiscal Year 2017, upon notification of award.

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2 All disseminated work must acknowledge The Patton College as the funding source.