

# **FY 2021 Call for Proposals**

## **CHSS Faculty Research and Development Awards**

### **FAQ**

#### **1. What is the Faculty Research and Development Award?**

Faculty Research and Development Awards (FRDA), funded by CHSS, are short-term awards that are designed to help tenured and tenure-track faculty initiate new programs of research and scholarship or enhance existing ones.

#### **2. How do the Seed and Career FRDA categories differ?**

The central purpose of the Seed FRDA is to provide seed funding that will lead to an application for external funding. The Career Development FRDA is available to provide research and professional development support to enhance the career development of mid-career faculty.

#### **3. What are the eligibility criteria for the Seed and Career FRDA categories?**

##### FRDA Seed Funding

Tenured and tenure-track faculty members are eligible to apply. Faculty may apply for only one FRDA award in an academic year. Priority will be given to faculty members early in their career or those who have not previously received an FRDA award. Faculty who have previously received an FRDA Seed Funding award may apply for a second seed funding award only if they have:

- Fulfilled the terms of their first FRDA award
- Submitted the required Final Report
- Submitted at least one proposal for external funding as a direct result of the FRDA.

##### FRDA Career Development

Tenured faculty members at the associate rank are eligible to apply. Faculty may apply for only one FRDA award in an academic year. Priority will be given to those faculty who have not received a FRDA since being promoted to associate rank. Faculty who have previously received an FRDA Career Development award may apply for a second award only if they have:

- Fulfilled the terms of their first FRDA Career Development award
- Submitted the required Final Report

**4. Are Associate Professors eligible for the Seed FRDA?**

Yes, Associate Professors may apply for either FRDA category. Please keep in mind the purpose of each FRDA when considering which category to apply for in any given year. Faculty may only apply for one FRDA per year.

**5. What are the funding amounts for the Seed and Career FRDA?**

FRDA Seed Funding is available for: (1) single investigators (up to \$10,000); (2) multiple investigators from two or more CHSS departments/programs (up to \$15,000); or (3) for multiple investigators from two or more colleges or schools (up to \$15,000 with match expected from non-CHSS colleges/schools).

FRDA Career Development is available for Single Investigator Awards for \$6,000 summer pay plus fringe benefits to cover two months of full-time work in the summer for research and/or professional development. Faculty may engage in collaborations as part of the award but the amount of summer pay will not be changed.

**6. Should I apply for the Seed Funding or Career Development FRDA?**

Consideration for applications for the FRDA categories should be based on the following criteria:

1. The purpose of each track is distinct. For those faculty looking to conduct a research project that will lead to applications for external funding (e.g., grants, fellowships, etc.), the Seed Funding FRDA is the best fit. For those faculty looking for career development or to engage in research activities to prepare for promotion to full professor, the Career Development FRDA is the best fit.
2. Another consideration is the amount of funds. Seed Funding FRDAs provide \$10,000 to \$15,000 for research project expenses. Career Development FRDAs cover summer pay of \$6,000.

**7. Can I apply for both the Seed and Career FRDA?**

No, faculty can only apply for one FRDA each academic year.

**8. What is the funding period for the FRDA?**

The FRDA Seed Funding project period is the calendar year (January 1 to December 31) after the application deadline. Career Development FRDAs have a project period that includes two months of full-time work during the summer after the February deadline. Project periods may start in May and go through the following April.

**9. How many times can I receive a FRDA?**

Faculty can receive a maximum of four FRDAs, limited to two in each category. Faculty may apply for only one FRDA award in an academic year. All conditions for subsequent FRDAs must be satisfied before applying for an additional award.