Dean’s Research Award FY2014-2015

For What: Seed funding for pilot research projects, with up to 2 proposal awards at a maximum $3,500 each.

Who is Eligible: Faculty with at least a 50% appointment in the College of Social Work are eligible to submit applications as Principal Investigators.

Appropriate Expenditures: The funding can be used for a wide variety of research-related expenditures for the pilot research project, including (but not limited to) payment to participants, equipment purchases, research supplies, data collection assistance, student research assistance, purchase or reproduction of measures, and local project travel. Consumable expenses such as food and beverages are not allowed.

Support Period: Up to 12 months (earliest possible start date: July 1, 2014).

Elements of the Application:
1) Proposal Narrative (3 page maximum, single-spaced, 12 point font for readability)
   ▪ Clearly describe the purpose of the research including brief background justification, specific research question, conceptual basis, and goal(s);
   ▪ Briefly describe the specific methods, procedures, and activities that would be undertaken for the research project;
   ▪ Describe the time period and amount of support requested;
   ▪ Describe the role of the proposal project in the investigator’s research agenda; and
   ▪ Describe the specific deliverables and/or anticipated products of the proposed research.
2) References Cited (This section does not count in the page limit of the proposal)
3) Budget and Budget Explanation

Review Procedures: Each proposal will be reviewed by the Research Committee. Reviewers will rate proposals based on the following criteria:
1) Soundness and clarity in the description of the research proposal, including research question and methods used (40%);
2) Potential for significant contributions to social work and social welfare (25%);
3) Likelihood that support will advance the investigator’s research agenda and scholarship (25%); and
4) Innovation, providing new directions in research methods, practice, policy, or education (10%).

Final funding decisions will be made by the Dean.

Final Report: Awardees will submit a final report within 30 days of the completion of the project, but no later than June 30, 2015. The report will contain 1) a brief summary of activities performed, 2) accomplishments, and 3) a final budget statement describing how all funds were used. The report will list all external funding requests (i.e., proposals) and proposed or submitted scholarly manuscripts resulting from this funding.

Application Deadline: Applications should be submitted via email to Deborah Duvall, COSW Assistant to the Dean (deborahd@mailbox.sc.edu), by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday April 1, 2014.