The Dean's Research Initiative (DRI) is a competitive grant program aimed at stimulating research, experiential learning, and graduate student research and professional development. Tenured/Tenure Track, Research, Teaching, and Clinical Faculty in BSOS are eligible for faculty awards. All graduate students enrolled in a BSOS program are eligible to apply.

Guidelines

Requirements vary slightly for each type of proposal; please refer to the table below for specific information. All proposals must include a narrative, a budget, and a budget justification which explains the relevance of the proposed costs to the scope of work. The period of performance should be 12 months long and begin on or around July 1, 2024.

All proposals are due to InfoReady by 12pm (noon) on Friday, February 23, 2024. Proposals will be considered late if received after this time. No extensions will be granted or late proposals accepted. By 5pm on Friday, February 23, 2024 applicants will be sent a notice that their application has been received. Award notices will be made on or before Friday, April 5, 2024.

The link for proposal submissions in InfoReady will be released in January.

Questions regarding scientific or technical details of proposals can be directed to Dr. Jean McGloin jmcgloin@umd.edu. Questions regarding eligibility, assembly, and submission of proposals can be directed to bsosresearch@umd.edu.

Review Criteria:

Other considerations equal, funding preference will be based on the following factors:

1. Priority will be given to research that represents a new collaboration between/among research scholars from different departments related to either the Inequality or Resilience research hubs.
2. Priority will be given to applicants who have not recently received DRI funding.
3. Faculty applications that describe if and how the project relates to or incorporates the principles of diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility.

Your application will not be considered for funding if you have received a prior DRI award and have any reports outstanding at the submission deadline.

Budget Criteria:

Expectations:

1. Fringe benefits must be included if the budget includes personnel costs.
2. In cases where summer salary is requested it must be limited to one month of time or $10,000, whichever is less. Should more than one month be necessary it must be strongly justified and will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.
3. Departmental cost sharing is encouraged.
4. The maximum award amount listed for each category is *inclusive of cost sharing from departments*.
5. For proposals that require cost sharing (noted in the chart below), it is the responsibility of the Principal Investigator to secure cost sharing funds from other departments. Such a commitment should be communicated to the lead department's Director of Administrative services.

Unallowable costs:

1. Course buy-outs.
2. Software otherwise provided by the University (e.g. SAS, SPSS).
3. Transcription services (only unallowable on graduate and undergraduate student projects).

Faculty Proposal Types:

1. *Collaborative Projects (CL)*
Goal: To promote high impact, cross-cutting ideas to spark trans-disciplinary research. Funds will support the formation of interdisciplinary research teams by providing resources to develop ideas, conduct research, and seed larger scale projects. This could include an application for external research funding for an individual project or an institutional effort (e.g., center grant, institutional training grant), a highly innovative teaching breakthrough, an impactful scholarly product (e.g., book), creating a lasting research instrument or large-scale data set that would support interdisciplinary efforts across BSOS/Campus, and/or implementation of a transformative program at the university or in the community.

2. *Seed Projects (SP)*
Goal: To support research projects, with the specific purpose of seeding future external funding applications.

3. Experiential Learning Projects (EL)
Goal: This new category of award is designed to support efforts that integrate research experiences and training into learning and mentorship environments. Examples could include incorporating first-hand research experiences into existing courses (for undergraduates or graduate students), creating new hands-on research-based courses, running a research project that actively involves and mentors students, hosting workshops focused on research professional development for graduate students, and/or creating research events that offer new experiences to students. The budget could include items such as GA time, costs for transporting students to

fieldwork sites, research event costs, and equipment/supplies, among other items. This award is not intended to simply provide summer salary support to faculty who wish to revise or update their course(s), but rather to truly support new research-based experiences for students.

Student Proposal Types:

1. Master's Thesis / Pre-candidacy Research (MT)
<u>Goal</u>: To support Master's Thesis or comparable pre-candidacy research expenditures (e.g., participant payments). Any requested travel funds should be used for improving the quality of research, not for conference travel. Students should apply to the GT category for funds to support conference travel. Funds cannot be used to supplement stipends.

2. Doctoral Dissertation Research (DD)
<u>Goal:</u> To support doctoral dissertation research expenditures (e.g., participant payment). Any requested travel funds should be used for improving the quality of research, not for conference travel. Students should apply to the GT category for funds to support conference travel. Funds cannot be used to supplement stipends.

3. Graduate Student Travel Awards (GT)
<u>Goal</u>: To support graduate student travel expenditures (e.g., travel to conferences to present research). Students should apply to the MT or DD category if seeking funds for field work or research. Funds cannot be used to supplement stipends.

2024-2025 DRI Proposal Details and Requirements:

Type	Amount	General Requirements	Narrative Requirements
Collaborative (CL)	Up to $20,000	Must include at least two faculty members from at least two different BSOS departments. If there are partners outside of BSOS, cost sharing from these units **must** be included in the budget. For faculty with joint appointments, cost sharing must be included from the non-BSOS unit.	• A 2–5-page narrative, inclusive of any graphs or figures. • The narrative should explain the science in terms for a general audience, detailing the project's impact (beyond its novelty) and the advantages derived from the interdisciplinary nature of the research team. • The narrative must describe a plan to secure external funding. • The page limit does not include the budget, budget justification, or references.
Seed Projects (SP)	Up to $20,000	SP awards can be used to support a currently unfunded project or a partially/fully funded project that could be expanded significantly with additional funds. If there are partners outside of BSOS, cost sharing from these units **must** be included in the budget. For faculty with joint appointments, cost sharing must be included from the non-BSOS unit.	• A 2–5-page narrative, inclusive of any graphs or figures. • The narrative should explain the science in terms for a general audience, detailing the project's impact (beyond its novelty). • If the proposal is related to an existing partially/fully funded project, the narrative must thoroughly differentiate the aspects of the project currently funded and the new aspects to be funded by the DRI. In addition, it must explain how the DRI seed funding increases the likelihood of additional external funding and generating scholarly products beyond what is possible with the original funding. • The narrative must describe a plan to secure external funding. • The page limit does not include the budget, budget justification, or references.

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Experiential Learning (EL)	Up to $5,000	Because this is a new award category, we are open to a range of financial requests. If the applicant believes they have a compelling case to request more, reach out to Jean McGloin before submitting a proposal. If the proposal involves a new or amended course, include an acknowledgement from the Director of Graduate or Undergraduate Studies in your department that they are aware of this plan and support it. If there are partners outside of BSOS, cost sharing from these units **must** be included in the budget. For faculty with joint appointments, cost sharing must be included from the non-BSOS unit.	• A 2–5-page narrative, inclusive of any graphs or figures. • Detail how this project will have an impact on students, focusing on the practical benefits, not just its novelty. • The page limit does not include the budget, budget justification, or references.
Master's Thesis / Pre-Candidacy Research (MT)	Up to $3,000	Applicants must be in good standing in their program and not yet achieved candidacy. Preference will be given to projects that support Master's Theses, but students may apply for funds in this category for any pre-candidacy projects. Funding for travel should only be used to support research, not to attend conferences.	• A 1–3-page narrative, inclusive of any graphs or figures. • The narrative should explain the science in terms for a general audience, detailing the project's impact (beyond its novelty). • The page limit does not include the budget, budget justification, or references.
Doctoral Dissertation Research (DD)	Up to $4,000	Applicants must be in good standing, have advanced to candidacy, and not yet completed the dissertation project. Funding for travel should only be used to support research, not to attend conferences.	• A 1–3-page narrative, inclusive of any graphs or figures. • The narrative should explain the science in terms for a general audience, detailing the project's impact (beyond its novelty). • The page limit does not include the budget, budget justification, or references.
Graduate Student Travel Awards (GT)	Up to $1,500	Applicants must be in good standing in their program. The funding request must be split 50%/50% by the student's department and the Dean's Office. Travel for field work or research should be requested via the MT or DD application process.	• A 1-page narrative, inclusive of any graphs or figures. • The narrative should explain why this travel would benefit the student's professional development as a scholar. • The page limit does not include the budget, budget justification, or references.