

LAUREATE GRANT FOR INTER-INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH 2019 Request for Proposals (RFP)

DESCRIPTION OF GRANT

The Laureate Grant for Inter-Institutional Research (LGIIR) was established to develop collaborative research conducted by a team of scholars who must work at different institutions that belong to the Laureate network. This grant will support two types of initiatives: a) the development of an inter-institutional research proposal to apply for future funding granted by a third-party organization and b) the continuation of a funded research project that intends to include researchers from other universities of the network.

TYPES OF GRANTS OFFERED

- a) Development of Inter-Institutional Research Proposal to Apply for Future Funding Granted By Third-Party Organization**
- Applicants can request up to USD 20,000 to develop a research proposal to apply for funding granted by a third-party organization.
 - Funds can be used for the following items:
 - Research assistants or students involved in the project, provided they do not already receive salaries from their institution for conducting research
 - Equipment (e.g.: laboratory equipment, computer, printer, video camera, etc.)
 - Supplies (e.g.: office supplies, computational supplies, lab supplies, etc.)
 - Expenses for third-party services or other related costs
 - Travel funds (only transportation and hotel), which cannot exceed 20% of the overall amount requested to the LGIIR grant
 - Funds are disbursed to the home institution of the grantee in two batches of USD 10,000 each: the first batch when the LGIIR grant is conferred, and the second batch once a peer committee has endorsed the grantee's oral progress presentation of preliminary results.
- b) Continuation of Funded Research Project to Include Researchers from Network Universities**
- Applicants can request up to USD 10,000 to expand their research team by including researchers from other universities of the network.
 - Funds can be used for the following items:
 - Research assistants or students involved in the project, provided they do not receive already salaries from their institution for conducting research
 - Equipment (e.g.: laboratory equipment, computer, printer, video camera, etc.)
 - Supplies (e.g.: office supplies, computational supplies, lab supplies, books, etc.)
 - Expenses (e.g.: third-party services, training, dissemination activities, conference fees, publication fees, rental fees, participants' incentives, journals subscriptions, etc.)
 - Travel (only transportation and hotel), which cannot exceed 40% of the overall amount requested to the LGIIR grant
 - Funds are disbursed to the home institution of the grantee in one single batch.

MINIMUM EXPECTED RESULTS

a) Development of Inter-Institutional Research Proposal to Apply for Future Funding Granted By Third-Party Organization

- *Presentation of Preliminary Results*
 - Grantees must orally present preliminary outcomes 5 months after the LGIIR grant is conferred.
- *Research proposal Application*
 - The research proposal developed as a result of the LGIIR grant must be sent to a third-party funding agency within one year from the date the grant was conferred.

b) Continuation of Funded Research Project to Include Researchers from Network Universities

- *Presentation of Preliminary Results*
 - Grantees must orally present preliminary outcomes 5 months after the LGIIR grant is conferred.
- *Manuscript for Publication*
 - At least one co-authored manuscript for publication must be sent to a SCOPUS or Web of Science (WoS) indexed journal within one year from the date the LGIIR grant was conferred.
 - At least two co-authors must register their affiliation to different institutions that belong to the Laureate network at the time the manuscript is submitted, in compliance with those institutions affiliation guidelines.
 - The manuscript must be related to the goals of the collaborative project and as such must constitute a research result of such project. In the acknowledgements section of the manuscript, the Laureate Grant for Inter-Institutional Research must be explicitly mentioned as one of the funding sources that made possible the research publication.

NON-COMPLIANCE WARNING

Grantees who do not comply with the minimum expected results will be unable to apply for any research funding opportunity sponsored by Laureate for a period of three years from the date the LGIIR grant was conferred. Grantees could also be subject to other restrictions established by each institution.

SELECTION CRITERIA

a) Development of Inter-Institutional Research Proposal to Apply for Future Funding Granted By Third-Party Organization

Applications will be assessed in two rounds: In the first one, a blind peer-review will select those applications that are feasible and relevant to the field of study examined in the proposal. In the second round, a committee constituted by research leaders who work at Laureate institutions will receive the selected applications and determine the final grantees.

b) Continuation of Funded Research Project to Include Researchers from Network Universities

Applications will be assessed by a committee constituted by research leaders who work at Laureate institutions. Final grantees will be selected based on the quality of the proposal, its technical feasibility,

and the degree in which the inter-institutional collaboration results in significant benefit for the researchers and institutions involved.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

Applicants working full-time or working part-time for a minimum of one year¹ at a Laureate network institution at the time of this grant's deadline are eligible. All applicants must have formal authorization of their home institution to apply for the grant.

TERMS

Acceptance or rejection of any proposal submitted shall be at the discretion of Laureate Education, Inc. (Laureate) and this Request for Proposal (RFP) does not constitute an offer by Laureate to enter into a contract with any person or company. Proposals submitted under this RFP are submitted at the submitter's risk and expense. Laureate may request additional information before and after the due date of this RFP and reserves the right to negotiate with respondents and/or update this RFP with additions/deletions/clarifications to all or less than all of any respondents. Execution of Laureate's standard-form grant acceptance agreement by a grant recipient is required for the receipt of a grant.

APPLICATION PROCESS

a) Development of Inter-Institutional Research Proposal to Apply for Future Funding Granted By Third-Party Organization

Letter of Intent to Apply

To ensure that appropriate peer reviewers are available to review applications, applicants must send a letter indicating their intent to apply before sending the application itself. To write this letter, please use the template provided.

Application

To apply for development of an inter-institutional research proposal to apply for future funding granted by a third-party organization, applicants must:

- Complete the application form provided
- Complete the work plan template provided
- Submit letters of institutional support and approval. These documents should be issued by the institution's academic vice-rector or head of institutional research stating institutional support and approval of the application. Each institution involved in the application must provide a separate letter.

The application must be written in English. However, the research proposal that will be developed as a result of the LGIIR grant can be written in any language.

b) Continuation of Funded Research Project to Include Researchers from Network Universities

Applicants who seek funds to include researchers from other universities of the network must be the principal investigator (PI) of the study in progress where the collaboration will take place. To submit the application, applicants must:

¹ The one-year requirement does not need to be continuous.

- Complete the application form provided
- Complete the work plan template provided
- Submit letters of institutional support and approval. These documents should be issued by the institution's academic vice-rector or head of institutional research stating institutional support and approval of the application. Each institution involved in the application must provide a separate letter.

The application must be written in English. However, the manuscript for publication that will be developed as a result of the LGIIR grant can be written in any language.

TIMELINE

Letter of intent deadline (only for a-type of initiatives above): April 12, 2019

Application deadline: April 29, 2019

Grant recipients notified and announced: June 2019

Presentation of preliminary results/progress report: December 10, 2019

Final report submission and grant close-out: July 31, 2020