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PAT CAPPS COVEY COLLEGE OF
ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Pat Capps Covey College of Allied Health Professions Collaborative Research Support (CORS) Program

The Collaborative Research Support (CORS) program provides seed funding to advance the research and scholarship goals of the Pat Capps Covey College of Allied Health Professions (PCCCAHP) and its faculty. The objective of the CORS is to foster mentored or independent collaborative, interdisciplinary/interprofessional, discipline-specific or pedagogical research across all units in the PCCCAHP. A total of \$15,000 in research funding will be allocated to this program for the 2026-2027 program. No individual proposal can exceed a total award request of \$5,000. The program is administered through the Research and Scholarly Committee through a competitive review process, with final approval by the PCCCAHP Dean. Awardees are expected to publish and /or seek external funding opportunities based on the results of their internal grant, as appropriate for their discipline.

Applications for the 2026-2027 cycle are due 6/15/2026. Funding decisions should be announced by 6/30/2026.

General Eligibility

All full-time PCCCAHP faculty (regardless of rank) may serve as Principal Investigator (PI). An acknowledgement of support from the applicant's department chair will be required and is elicited through the InfoReady application process. Only one PI is allowed per proposal (Co-PIs or multiple PIs are not allowed for this mechanism). The PI has full responsibility and authority for the project. An applicant may submit only one proposal as PI per funding cycle. Further, the PI may not submit the proposed study for this funding opportunity and submit the same/similar proposal to another internal funding opportunity (e.g., CAHP Limited Research Funding award competition).

If you have received a CORS grant previously, you are eligible to apply for a new grant cycle *after a minimum period of 3 years* from the previous grant award start date. For example, if you were awarded a grant for the 2023-2024 grant cycle, you are eligible to apply again during the 2026-2027 grant cycle.

Grant Priorities

While all proposals are welcome, special priority will be given to quality proposals that propose one or more of the following: 1) interdisciplinary/interprofessional collaboration across departments, 2) mentored project for PCCCAHP faculty with no or minimal experience in the proposed research area or methodology, and/or 3) pedagogical project (scholarship of teaching and learning [SoTL]).



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Application procedures

Applications must be submitted through InfoReady. Page limits for all sections should be observed.

Formatting

The proposal must meet the following formatting guidelines:

- 11 point font size or larger of Arial, Palatino Linotype, or Times New Roman font types
- Single line spacing
- 1 inch margins in all directions

Sections

The proposal must provide the following:

1. Project Abstract/Summary (maximum 1/2 page)

Provide a concise summary of the following: rationale and significance for the proposed research, including the broader impact of study findings; study design and methodology (include main activities that will be conducted); expected results; and how you will use or disseminate study findings. This should be written in a way that an educated non-expert can understand.

2. Project Description (maximum 5 pages, including figures and tables, excluding references)

Although the format is flexible, this section must contain the following information: project overview (including significance), goals and objectives/aims, approach/methodology (including data analysis plan) for each study objective, anticipated outcomes, and broader impacts. The project description should also include a description of the study environment (facilities, resources, etc.) available to carry out the project, a detailed project timeline, dissemination plan, and the impact the proposed project will have on the applicant's career. This should be written in a way that an educated non-expert can understand. In other words, the proposal should be written so that it is understandable by reviewers who are not familiar with your discipline or research area, but must contain enough details to describe the proposed work.

3. References (one page)

Include all the references that were cited in the proposal project description. The format is flexible, but enough information should be provided for each citation so that the reader can retrieve any publications of interest.

4. Budget (one page)

Incomplete budgets or those that exceed the request limit of \$5,000 may result in the proposal being declined without review.



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- a. Allowable costs include necessary materials and support for successful completion of proposed project, such as: supplies and materials; equipment and/or software; wages for undergraduate and graduate research assistants; consulting fees; publication fees; and domestic travel to consult with collaborators and/or support research-related efforts.
- b. Any matching or additional funds that are available to supplement the requested funds and active grants must be mentioned in the application.
- c. Undergraduate and graduate student workers may be compensated for work that directly supports the proposed project. Include the projected number of students and student hours to be committed to the project.
- d. Unallowable costs include faculty salaries and fringe benefits.

5. Budget Justification (one page)

Include a description of the purpose and rationale for each item proposed in the Budget. If consulting is required, it should have a well-justified explanation and include an estimated number of consultant hours and rate. If student effort is supported, specifically describe their involvement, expertise to perform such activities, and estimated number of hours and rate.

6. Biosketch

Each PI must submit either an NIH or NSF-formatted biosketch as part of the application. Instructions and samples are available on the [NIH website](#) and [NSF website](#).

7. Attachments (if applicable)

The following documents are acceptable as attachments to your proposal:

- a. Copy of written instrument/survey that will be used in the proposed project
- b. Copy of IRB application (if applicable and available at time of submission)

If the proposal involves research protocols that require approval from an institution review committee such as animal care, human subjects, hazardous materials, and others, the PI will be responsible for obtaining appropriate permissions.

Application Review Process

Reviewers will primarily be recruited from PCCCAHP faculty to evaluate submitted applications using the review criteria listed below. However, depending upon availability and expertise to review grant application submissions, an external staff/faculty member may also serve on the Review Panel. Further, trainees (e.g., doctoral students, new faculty) may also serve under the mentorship of an experienced review panel member as part of the Review Panel. The Review Panel will forward its recommendations to the PCCCAHP Dean who will make the final



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selection(s).

Review Criteria for Proposals

1. *Intellectual Merit*
2. *Approach/Methodology*
3. *Outcomes*
4. *Investigator/Investigative Team*
5. *Budget*
6. *Additional Points (Interdisciplinary, pedagogical, or mentored project)*
7. *Overall Rank*

Awardee Responsibilities and Obligations

Awardees should be ready to implement their projects **beginning July 1, 2026, with project completion and expenditure of funds by June 30, 2027**. Awarded funds not expended by June 30, 2027 will be transferred out of the project budget and back to the funding source. The opportunity for a no-cost extension (NCE) will be determined on an as needed basis per each funding cycle.

Any required institution review committee approvals and other permissions, such as IRB approval (human subjects or animal research), private or public land and water use, collection permits, use of off campus facilities, etc. must be ascertained prior to study commencement.

All recipients of internal grants must **submit a final report** to the Research and Scholarly Activities Committee within two months of the termination of the grant performance period. Awardees should plan to disseminate the results of their funded projects through peer-reviewed publications, presentations at professional conferences, exhibitions, or other appropriate venues. **An additional \$500 in professional development funding is available** for the PI who has an accepted peer-reviewed publication and /or submits for external funding (NIH, NSF, a foundation award, etc.) within two years of the grant termination date.