The Collaborative to Advance Equity through Research (CAETR) seeks to highlight the groundbreaking work being done on our campus around women and girls of color, to build capacity in order to bolster and expand existing research projects, and to support the creation of new initiatives. Finally, it also aims to support collaborative work with institutional and community partners.

In that vein, the collaborative will be supporting seed grants of $3,000-$5,000 for the duration of one year beginning on July 15, 2017 to Columbia students and faculty to support creative and innovative work that seeks to advance equity for women and girls of color. Projects may be domestic, international, or comparative.

Qualifications:

This call for applications is open to Columbia University graduate students and faculty as well as community members doing affiliated work with the University. Students and faculty at Teachers College, Barnard College, The School of Social Work and Mailman School of Public Health are also invited and encouraged to apply.

Applicants are asked to demonstrate their project’s grounding in a theoretical concept that demonstrates intersectional and inclusive feminist pedagogy. Applications must demonstrate a clear commitment to and focus on the current and/or persistent structural and social forces that act upon the lives of women and girls of color.

Awarded projects should have potential to lead to additional federal, foundation, or private funding. Awardees will be required to make a presentation to the CAETR group during the twelve-month duration of the grant.
Application Requirements:

Applicants should submit:
- 3-5 page, double-spaced research proposal that details the specific aims, background of the study, preliminary data (if any), research plan, innovation/significance, and future plans
- Line item budget
- Budget narrative explaining how line items in the budget relate to the early work needed to convert ideas into a fundable project
- CV’s or NIH Style Biosketch for each investigator

Proposals will be funded on the basis of:
- The project’s reflection of CAETR’s mission and priorities.
- The intellectual merit and innovation of the proposed project.
- The seed grant’s relationship to the proposed major project.
- The project’s organization and judicious use of funds.

Studies building on existing research projects are welcome.

Applications are due by June 1, 2017 and decisions will be made by July 1, 2017. For further information, please contact Vina Tran (vina.tran@columbia.edu).

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