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We are eager to see your Grand Challenges Proposals. Drafts are due to the Dean's Office by June 1 (Institutional) and August 30 (Project).

The University of Maryland invites [Grand Challenges Grant proposals](#) from the faculty to forge new and creative institutional initiatives to help address some of the most pressing and vexing societal challenges of our time. The largest and most comprehensive program of its type ever introduced at our university. Up to \$30 million dollars in institutional investments will be available to fund programs, initiatives and projects designed to impact enduring and emerging societal issues, such as climate change, social injustice, global health, education disparities, poverty, and threats to our democracy.



GRAND CHALLENGES GRANTS

Grand Challenges [Institutional Grants](#) will provide funding to develop new institutional structures (interdisciplinary institute, major center, or school; or a new public-private partnership/consortia, etc.) that catalyze cross-disciplinary collaborations around a grand challenge focus or theme. These grants will provide up to \$500K per year for 3 years of one-time funding. A 1:1 match is required from participating colleges and/or departments that includes cash and in-kind resources.

Up to three Institutional Grants will be awarded. High performing and successful institutional grant awardees have the possibility of converting to base funding.

Next steps, if you are planning to submit a Grand Challenges [Institutional Grants](#) proposal:

1. Complete the [ARHU Intent to Submit Form](#) as soon as possible. This is required if you are requesting matching funds from the college. Once this has been submitted, Meghann Babo-Shroyer will follow up with you about your preliminary proposal and offer proposal development support.
2. Follow up with your Unit Head regarding cost share considerations. Units will be expected to commit a portion of the cost share which can include in kind support as well as dollar amounts. For questions about cost share please contact Linda Aldoory.
3. Work with your unit Budget Manager and Kelly Flanagan to develop a [preliminary budget](#) for the three-year grant.
4. **ARHU Internal Deadline: June 1, 2022, 5:00pm**
Submit Institutional Grants Letters of Intent (LOI)/Preliminary Proposal to arhuresearch@umd.edu. This advance deadline will allow the college time to discuss and confirm cost share commitments. By this date we will need a letter from the chair committing to the cost share, but no letter from the dean is required. If requesting cost share, proposals must be submitted by this date, even if content is still being finalized.
5. Revise and finalize LOI and budget template.
6. Secure Dean Letter of Support, if applicable.
7. Submit Final Letter of Intent/Preliminary Proposal via [InfoReady](#) by **July 1, 2022**.

Project grant drafts are due to the Dean's office August 30. Please follow the guidance above to complete an Intent to Submit form.

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