



Collaborative Working Groups Grants

The Fels Policy Research Initiative seeks to increase the visibility and impact of Penn's policy-relevant research. Because policy topics characteristically span the disciplinary boundaries of the academy, FPRI's Collaborative Working Group Grants will support the formation of faculty working groups that gather a variety of perspectives around a topic. The grants will support working groups designed to stimulate deeper discussion on neglected or emerging areas, develop new research ideas and agendas, and heighten awareness of the policy implications of research. We hope to accelerate exploration and early collaboration and to identify potential projects for further development. These grants, for up to \$15,000, can be used to support a series of talks, a series of related workshops, or some other new collaboration made possible with funding.

Applications:

Proposals should be emailed to Diana Lind (dlind@upenn.edu) and limited to two pages conveying:

- Proposed research topic
- Working group activities, participants and timeline
- Description of policy impact and potential for activities beyond 2016-2017
- Proposed budget (up to \$15,000)

Eligibility:

Grant proposals should be submitted by interdisciplinary teams that include faculty from at least two different departments. We welcome proposals from across the social sciences, natural sciences and humanities, as well as those teams that include participants outside of the School of Arts & Sciences and/or visitors from other institutions. If you have questions about eligibility, contact Diana Lind (dlind@upenn.edu).

Timeline:

Submission deadline: October 28, 2016

Selection notification: By November 15, 2016

Spending period for the grant: Before November 2017

More information:

In 2016, Fels PRI supported five collaborative working groups, with an average grant amount of \$10,000:

- *Optimizing Government: Policy Challenges in the Machine Learning Age*, led by Cary Coglianese (Law) and Richard Berk (Arts & Sciences)
- *The Global Impacts of Race in Biomedicine*, led by Dorothy Roberts (Law, Arts & Sciences) and Sarah Tishkoff (Medicine, Arts & Sciences)



- *Fairness for Digital Infrastructures*, led by Mallesh Pai (Arts & Sciences), Rakesh Vohra (Arts & Sciences, Engineering), Sampath Kannan (Engineering), Aaron Roth (Engineering), Jamie Morgenstern (Warren Center)
- *Built Environment Policies and Interventions for Better Health and Safety*, led by Karen Glanz (Medicine, Nursing) and Charles Branas (Medicine)
- *Interdisciplinary Collaboration to Support Data-Based Decision Making in Philadelphia*, led by John Fantuzzo (Education), Dennis Culhane (Social Policy & Practice) and Janet Deatrck (Nursing)

To read more about these projects, and learn more about the Fels Policy Research Initiative, please see <http://www.policyresearch.upenn.edu>.



Connecting Research to Policymakers Conference Grants

The Fels Policy Research Initiative seeks to support conferences that address public policy issues by bringing together Penn faculty and policymakers. In recognition of the critical role conferences play in disseminating and translating research, we will sponsor up to five conferences during the 2016-2017 academic year. Grants of up to \$15,000 each will be given to organizers of selected conferences and can be used alongside other funding.

The Fels Policy Research Initiative works to increase the visibility and impact of Penn's policy-relevant research. In addition to directly supporting research and faculty working groups, we are supporting conferences to create direct linkages between faculty and those in the position to apply insights from Penn research.

Application

Proposals should be emailed to Diana Lind (dlind@upenn.edu) and limited to two pages, plus participant list, conveying:

- A description of the proposed conference, including all relevant planning and fundraising to date
- A simple budget
- Timeline
- Participant list, noting confirmed and invited participants

Eligibility:

Grant proposals should be submitted by the primary conference coordinator, who should be a member of the School of Arts & Sciences faculty. While preference will be given to applicants who have previously participated in Fels PRI working groups, all faculty with research ready to convey to policymakers will be considered. We encourage conferences that engage faculty in the humanities and actively seek conference teams that include faculty from schools beyond SAS.

Timeline

Submission deadline: October 28, 2016

Selection notification: By November 15, 2016

Spending period for the grant: Before May 15, 2017

More information:

In Spring 2016, Fels PRI supported the Philly Behavioral Science Conference, which convened faculty from Arts & Sciences, Medicine, and Wharton, and City of Philadelphia administrators. In the course of one day, 100 people participated in roundtable discussions, listened to presentations and had time to network during lunch and other breaks. This event serves as a model for the kind of conference that can catalyze interdisciplinary collaboration and increase the impact of Penn's policy relevant research. For more information, feel free to contact Dan Hopkins, Associate Professor of Political Science (danhop@sas.upenn.edu).



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Policy Dialogues with Visiting Scholars Grants

Fels Policy Research Initiative is committed to increasing the impact of Penn's policy research. This announcement describes the third of three new requests for proposals for the 2016-17 academic year.

We seek proposals from Penn faculty to deliver new lectures on public policy topics and to invite visiting scholars whose viewpoints compliment or contrast with their own to follow with a paired lecture. Following these presentations, the two scholars will sit down for a moderated conversation with the audience.

Fels PRI will administer the logistics and marketing for the series, which will be offered for free and open to the public. Faculty will be responsible for three key activities:

- Giving a new 20-minute lecture on a public policy topic
- Securing a visiting scholar for a date in 2017 and approving his/her presentation
- Using the grant to appropriately to fund the speaker's travel and honoraria

Application

Proposals should be emailed to Diana Lind (dlind@upenn.edu) and limited to two pages conveying:

- A description of the faculty member's lecture topic
- A description of the proposed visiting scholar and how his/her work relates to the Penn faculty's member's work (up to 3 potential scholars can be listed, in acknowledgement that scholars may not be able to accept an invitation to speak next year)

Eligibility

Grant proposals should be submitted by standing faculty of the School of Arts & Sciences.

Timeline

Proposals will be accepted through October 28, 2016. The entire lecture series will take place in 2017, with exact dates to be determined in coordination with faculty and invited scholars.