

William T. Grant Scholars Program
UMBC CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2021

Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce an opportunity for UMBC to nominate up to one early-career faculty member from CAHSS for the [William T. Grant Scholars Program](#). The full application guideline is available online [here](#).

Eligibility and Information

The William T. Grant Scholars Program supports career development for promising early-career researchers. The program funds five-year research and mentoring plans (up to \$350,000) that significantly expand researchers' expertise in new disciplines, methods, and content areas.

UMBC may nominate one faculty member for each major division (i.e. CAHSS). To be eligible, nominees must be early career, which the William T. Grant Foundation defines as having received their terminal degree within seven years of submitting their application. Applicants must also be employed in career-ladder positions, which may include holding a tenure-track position at UMBC. The award may not be used as a post-doctoral fellowship.

Awards are based on applicants' potential to become influential researchers, as well as their plans to expand their expertise in new and significant ways. The application should make a cohesive argument for how the applicant will expand his or her expertise. The research plan should evolve in conjunction with the development of new expertise, and the mentoring plan should describe how the proposed mentors will support applicants in acquiring that expertise. Proposed research plans must address questions that are relevant to policy and practice in the Foundation's focus areas.

The Foundation's mission is to support research to improve the lives of young people ages 5-25 in the United States. It pursues this mission by supporting research within two focus areas. Researchers interested in applying for a William T. Grant Scholars Award must select one focus area – either [reducing inequality](#) or [improving the use of research evidence](#). Please view the [William T. Grant Scholars Program](#) website for more information and applicant resources.

Internal Application Process

CAHSS has established the following procedures and timeline for this opportunity.

All prospective nominees must email the following materials to Preminda Jacob, Associate Dean for Research and Community Engagement (pjacob2@umbc.edu) by 11:59pm on **April 1, 2021**:

- (1) Project title
- (2) Project focus area (either Reducing Inequality or Improving the Use of Research Evidence)
- (3) Letter of support from their Department Chair
- (4) Current CV
- (5) Up to **500-word** description of the research plan, in line with the [application guidelines](#).
- (6) A written affirmation that the prospective nominee has read the [application guidelines](#), understands the required components of the application, and can meet the specified deadlines.

A selection committee will review internal submissions, and the UMBC nominee will be notified within two weeks.

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The selected applicant will then submit a complete proposal, following the sponsor instructions, to the William T. Grant Foundation. The Foundation's deadline for full proposal submission is **July 7, 2021**, with mentor and reference letters due in advance, by **June 16, 2021**. The proposal selected to represent UMBC must be routed in Kuali before submission. Allow 14 days for routing. Once the CAHSS nominee has been identified, they will be connected with the appropriate grant administration support staff to submit the proposal.

Best wishes,

Kimberly Moffitt