



## **NCFR Innovation Grants Information**

The NCFR Board is pleased to invite applications for the 2016-2017 Innovation Grants program. This is the fourth year for this initiative, which builds upon the rich heritage and ongoing commitment of NCFR to promoting innovative, interdisciplinary approaches to research, theory, and practice that support the well-being of families. The grant initiative represents NCFR's investment in facilitating the NCFR Global Ends of our organization including:

- 1) To provide opportunities for professional development and knowledge development in the areas of family research, theory, education, policy and practice.
- 2) To support the dissemination and application of research- and theory-based information about the well-being of families.
- 3) To represent professionals in the field of family science by establishing standards for research, education, and practice and by advocating for the development and advancement of the profession.

To advance these ends, a range of activities could be supported such as: a) research pilot projects, b) theory development and enhancement, c) policy initiatives, and d) outreach, engagement, and training opportunities. We encourage innovative and groundbreaking proposals that will further the goals of NCFR and, in so doing, strengthen and support families.

### Description:

NCFR will support up to two \$10,000 innovation grants over the next year. The grants program is designed to enhance interdisciplinary collaborations around issues of importance to family well-being. To that end, applicants must make a strong case that their proposed activities foster interdisciplinary collaborations, preferably among NCFR members, and support the Global Ends of NCFR. Proposals should explicitly describe how the project promotes collaborations across disciplines including but not limited to: family science, sociology, psychology, anthropology, child development, religious studies, economics, political science, and health. We encourage projects that aim to bridge the areas of research and practice and that build on a strong theoretical framework or advance theory. The call for proposals is intentionally broad to encourage a variety of innovative proposals that meet these objectives. Note, however, that funding will not be granted for supporting conferences or workshops.

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### Eligibility:

Proposals must meet the following requirements:

1. The proposal must involve significant interdisciplinary collaboration and demonstrate how the proposed activities and contributions will be strengthened by the interdisciplinary approach.
2. The proposal must demonstrate how it meets the NCFR Global Ends (outlined above and on the NCFR website at <https://www.ncfr.org/about/board-directors/governance/ncfr-board-policy-governance-handbook>)
3. The primary applicant (or applicants, in the case of co-PIs) must be an NCFR member who is an academic scholar or other family professional. Postdoctoral fellows may apply as PIs. Students may be involved in the proposed project as collaborators but not as PIs. Applicants may be included on more than one proposal but should be listed as the PI on only one proposal. Priority will be given to proposals with NCFR members from two or more different disciplines.
4. All products (e.g., written papers, publications, websites) emerging from funding provided by the NCFR Innovation Grant Program are required to include this disclaimer: “This project was supported by a grant from the National Council on Family Relations Innovation Grant Program. Opinions, findings, conclusion or recommendations expressed within this work do not necessarily reflect the views of the National Council on Family Relations.

### How to Apply:

Proposals must be submitted to Jeanne Strand ([jeannestrand@ncfr.org](mailto:jeannestrand@ncfr.org)) by 11:59PM CST on September 1, 2016 and include the following sections (IRB approval prior to submission is not required):

1. Cover Page
  - a. Title, authors, institutional affiliations, contact information
2. Abstract (150 words)
3. Project Proposal (single spaced, 12 pt font)
  - a. Overview of the project (3-5 pages)
    - i. Statement of the problem
    - ii. Rationale and goals
    - iii. Theoretical framework and brief literature review
    - iv. Proposed project methodology or activities
    - v. Expected outcome(s) with a brief description of how the proposed project is interdisciplinary and how it will facilitate the NCFR Global Ends as described above in this call for proposals
  - b. Complete reference list

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- c. Project timeline including the following stipulations
    - i. Maximum 12 months, commencing announcement of award immediately following the 2016 NCFR conference
    - ii. A 100 word abstract and title due by April 1, 2017 to be sent to [jeannestrand@ncfr.org](mailto:jeannestrand@ncfr.org)
    - iii. Brief report of results due by November 1, 2017
    - iv. Presentation about the project is expected at the November 2017 NCFR conference. Specifics of the presentation will be determined as appropriate for the project.
  4. Biosketch for Each Author
  5. Budget and Budget Justification (maximum of \$10,000)
    - a. NCFR does not cover indirect costs. Applicants at institutions that require a letter stating this restriction should send a request to Jeanne Strand ([jeannestrand@ncfr.org](mailto:jeannestrand@ncfr.org)) no later than September 1, 2016.
    - b. Salary for research assistants can be budgeted as long as the total budget, including fringe, does not exceed \$10,000. Salary for principal investigators or co-principal investigators is possible, but a strong justification is required.
    - c. Collaborators at different institutions may use subcontract or consultant approach; awards can be split and processed through each institution. Applicants should submit one proposal with two budgets (one for each author), totaling \$10,000.
    - d. Funds may NOT be budgeted for conference registration and travel expenses.

Review Criteria:

1. Clearly stated goals relevant to the NCFR Global Ends
2. Innovative project goals and outcomes
3. Indication of interdisciplinary nature of project
4. Potential of the project for stimulating further research, theory, or professional practice
5. Reasonableness of budget
6. Reasonableness of project within the expected time frame

Approved by NCFR Board of Directors – Approved by the Board 1/8/15.