Committee on Reputational Stewardship

2018-2019 Conference Competition Announcement

The Office of the Provost and the Office of the Executive Vice President for Research and Partnerships are sponsoring a Conference Competition to create a new scholarly conference series to bring to campus top-level scholars, researchers and lecturers. Proposals are welcome from units, departments, schools or colleges.

This pilot program is among the strategies developed by the Committee on Reputational Stewardship (CRS) to further enhance the reach and impact of Purdue, and to highlight the efforts of our talented faculty as they conduct world-changing research, pursue innovative teaching scholarship and contribute to the scholarship of engagement.

Grants up to $25,000 each may be awarded to up to three proposals as recommended by the CRS, based on the quality and effectiveness of the proposed activities. Proposals requiring lesser amounts are welcome, and may lead to additional awards throughout the year. Budgets may include hospitality charges, but may not include alcohol.

The conference(s) may be scheduled on campus beginning September 2018, and may take place any time throughout the year. Awards will be granted to winning proposals in support of conference expenses (e.g., invited speakers as well as conference logistics) that definitively validate:

- Clarity of the purpose(s) for the conference
- Linkage to Purdue’s mission
- Reputation of potential invited speakers/lecturers
- Critical mass of Purdue scholars likely to participate
- Likelihood to attract leading scholars from elsewhere
- Likelihood to showcase Purdue
- Integration of networking opportunities (e.g., participants as well as Purdue stakeholders)
- Linkage to at least one professional association, if possible
- Value to Purdue
- Value to external audiences and the media (e.g., newsworthiness or pioneering work)
- Proposed post-event impacts (e.g., future partnerships, publications, follow-up events)
- Proposed extramural sponsorships (e.g., joint funding, conference scholarships)

Proposals must be limited to seven, double-spaced pages, 12-point Times New Roman font, with one-inch margins, and should be sent via e-mail to Mary Dawson, administrative assistant, Office of the Provost, at mdawson@purdue.edu.

The deadline for this round of proposals is: Monday, January 28, 2018, 5:00 p.m.
Proposals selected for funding will be announced by March 1, 2018.