

KICKSTARTER SEED GRANT AND BREAKING BARRIERS INTERDISCIPLINARY INCENTIVE GRANT FAQs

For more information about both grants: <https://www.sfu.ca/fass/research/faculty-member-resources/find-funding/fass-funding.html>

ELIGIBILITY

1. Are faculty eligible to apply for both the Kickstarter Seed Grant and the Breaking Barriers Interdisciplinary Incentive Grant?

Yes—faculty are able to apply for both grants as principal investigators. They can also be a part of different teams applying for both grants.

2. Are retired faculty eligible to apply for the Kickstarter Seed Grant and the Breaking Barriers Interdisciplinary Incentive Grant?

Retired faculty are not eligible to be the Principal Investigator on the Kickstarter Seed Grants or the Breaking Barriers, but they can be a co-investigator.

3. Do all the faculty members of the team need to be from SFU?

The Principal Investigator needs to be a faculty member in FASS. The majority of the team members need to be SFU faculty because the goal is to encourage collaboration across SFU faculties. If your team needs a particular type of expertise not available at SFU, then it is possible to include people outside of SFU.

4. Is there any consideration for career stage?

No—funds will be disbursed to quality projects aimed at increasing the research visibility of FASS.

5. Can you be the PI or Co-PI on multiple proposals?

Yes—however the adjudication committee will be looking at the feasibility of you completing multiple proposals within the time frame of the funding. Funding will be available for up to two years.

6. Can graduate students or adjuncts be co-investigators?

No—you can use the funding to support students, but graduate students cannot be a co-investigator, and adjuncts, Sessional Instructors, post-docs, or limited term faculty cannot be a PI or co-investigators because grants will only be awarded to continuing faculty.

GRANT USAGE

1. Are university-community partnerships acceptable?

Yes—we value university-community partnerships.

2. Can you apply for funding for research that has already been completed?

Yes—you can use the funding to increase the visibility or impact of existing research. This may be holding a workshop or conference to raise awareness of the visibility of your research.

3. Is it okay to have a museum exhibit as the research output?

Yes—we encourage research outputs that will help expand the research visibility of FASS. These could include (but are not limited to) podcasts, gallery shows, or museum exhibits.

4. Can I use it to get a teaching buy-out?

Teaching buy-outs cannot be part of the Kickstarter Seed Grant or Breaking Barriers Interdisciplinary Incentive proposed budget.

5. Can the research funded be used in a PhD dissertation?

Yes—you can use the funding to support students. However, the goal of the funding is to increase the visibility of FASS research. For example, projects that aim to produce a piece for *The Conversation* would have greater visibility impact than a dissertation.

6. Can you apply for both the Kickstarter Seed Grant and the Small SSHRC with the same project?

You can apply for both with the same topic, but proposals need to reflect two different projects.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION AND ADJUDICATION

1. How many grants will be funded with this one-time allocation?

It depends on the number of applications received and the requested amounts in the proposals. Likely we can fund around 20 Kickstarter Seed Grants and 4 Breaking Barriers Interdisciplinary Incentive Grants. We are interested in funding good quality proposals.

2. The Breaking Barriers Interdisciplinary Incentive Grant NOI is very short. What aspects should I focus on to include in my 250-word proposal?

The NOI will be used to help us develop adjudication committees, made up of faculty and lay people, to evaluate proposals. It will also be used to give you feedback and suggestions for the final proposal. Teams who submit an NOI will be invited to an Interdisciplinary Mix and Mingle to get further support on their proposals.

3. Who will be on the adjudication committee?

It will depend on the proposals received. Adjudicators on the Kickstarter grant will be FASS faculty. Adjudicator committees for the Breaking Barriers grant will be made up of SFU Faculty and laypersons.

4. I have further questions, who should I send them to? Or the online submission isn't working?

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