Interdisciplinary Collaborations Grants (ICG) Program
Deadline: February 1, 2017

OVERVIEW
The Interdisciplinary Collaboration Grants (ICG) Program provides funds to facilitate the development of collaborations at Binghamton University. This program is for investigators who seek to enhance their research opportunities through collaboration and may include projects that represent a new research agenda. Proposals from all areas of scholarship are encouraged. Funds may be requested for a wide range of interdisciplinary collaborative activities such as creative and artistic projects appropriate to the fine arts, traditional scholarly endeavors in the humanities and social sciences, and science and engineering projects. Proposals that involve faculty from more than one department are strongly encouraged, as are proposals from the humanities and social sciences. Projects funded through this program are expected to lead to the development of a proposal for external support. Twelve-month awards will be made for projects beginning June 1, 2017.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY
This program is not a bridge fund nor is it to support research in lieu of external grant funds. In the event that one or more of the Transdisciplinary Areas of Excellence (TAE) also run a Seed Grant program this year, faculty are encouraged to submit their proposals to the seed grant program that most appropriately fits their research. Please note that faculty may not submit the same proposal to more than one internal seed grant program. There is no restriction on the number of collaborations any individual may join. Collaborations may include individuals from off campus, but funding for other than Binghamton University personnel requires justification.

REVIEW PANEL
All proposals will be reviewed by the Advisory Committee for Scholarship and Research (ACSR). Consequently, it is essential that proposals communicate clearly to reviewers outside of the proposal discipline, what is being proposed and why it is important. The following are the criteria that proposals will be evaluated on.

1. Originality, significance, quality and future impact of the proposed research. (40%)
2. Ability to attract future federal, state, philanthropic or private funding. (40%)
3. Strength of record of achievement of the team. (20%) (Please note—the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) will supply current and pending data to ACSR for submitted proposals)

PROPOSAL PREPARATION
Funding is available for two awards each in the amount of $10,000 for a maximum of one year. Applicants are encouraged to discuss proposal and budget preparation with the staff of OSP. Completed application packages must be submitted electronically to osp@binghamton.edu. The proposal deadline for the ICG program is 5:00 pm on February 1, 2017. Proposals should be submitted as one PDF file. Awards will be announced by early April, 2017 for projects beginning June 1, 2017. Applicants are encouraged to submit non-proprietary content and clearly mark proprietary information, when applicable.

All proposals must contain the following elements, in one document:

A. Proposal Cover Page (attached cover page must be used);

B. Project Narrative (3 pages maximum, single spaced, one inch margins, 11 point font);
   - Describe the project, its significance, quality and future impact;
   - Describe Principal Investigator (PI) and Co-PI contributions to the project. Discuss participation of post docs and/or students, if applicable;
• Provide a brief statement of the benefits of this project to the University, if funded. Specifically address the increase in fundability or visibility that would be achieved;
• Describe plans for seeking external support for this project based upon this collaboration. Include a listing of potential sponsors and timelines for proposal preparation.

C. Literature Cited: Provide the key citations which relate directly to this project.

D. Budget and Budget Justification: Funds for the period June 1, 2017-May 31, 2018 may be requested using the attached page.

E. Biographical Sketches: Maximum two pages per investigator. (NSF style will be accepted, as will standard curriculum vitae format).

REPORTS
The lead PI will be expected to provide a brief final report by August 15, 2018 summarizing the outcomes of the project gathered from the team, including any abstracts, publications, proposal submission activities, and invention disclosures (if applicable). Further, plans for submitting proposals to external funding agencies should be described. In addition, information on awarded projects (Title, PI Team, and non-confidential abstract) will be posted to the Division of Research webpage. The project must be completed within the awarded timeframe. Budget revisions and requests for no-cost extensions will require approval. Awarded teams will also be asked for an update on project outcomes one year after project completion.

FURTHER INFORMATION
Questions about proposal preparation (including PI eligibility) or budgeting should be directed to OSP staff. Additional proposal questions may be addressed to Christi Cartwright-Wilcox, Staff Associate for Strategic Research Initiatives, ccartwri@binghamton.edu.
Title of Project: ICG:

Principal Investigators and Departments:

Funding Requested:

Project involves: (check all that apply):

- □ Human Subjects
- □ Biosafety Control
- □ Radiological Control
- □ Animal Care
- □ Hazardous Waste
- □ Stem Cell Research

Project Abstract (200 words or less):
PROPOSAL BUDGET

Personnel Costs: (e.g., graduate students, undergraduate students, technical staff and associated fringe benefits). Summer salary or fellowships to faculty are not allowed. If a graduate student is hired during the academic year, $6,000 per semester must be budgeted for tuition; waivers of this policy must be requested from the appropriate academic dean.

A. Salaries and Wages

Graduate Students $_________
  Number of Students: _____
  % of time: _________%  # of months: ______

Undergraduate Students $_________
  Number of Students: _____
  Number of hours: _______  Hourly rate: ______

Other Personnel (identify below) $_________

B. Fringe Benefits

Graduate Students @ 15% $_________
Undergraduate Students @ 5% $_________
Other Personnel @ 46.5% $_________

Other Costs:
Support for general purpose computers or publication costs are generally not permitted. Where requested, those items require substantial justification. Funding for travel to professional meetings is not permitted.

C. Travel $_________
D. Materials and Supplies $_________
E. Tuition
F. Other Expenses $_________

TOTAL REQUESTED $_________

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION

Please provide a brief explanation of specific items included in the budget categories above.