

ACTIVATE GRANT



APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Rolling Applications Accepted

ELIGIBILITY:

All SLC employees are eligible to apply for this grant if they do not have outstanding reports on previous grants. Priority is given to those who have not received funding in the previous year.

VALUE OF AWARDS:

Up to \$2000

DURATION:

One Year

ADJUDICATED BY:

SLC Research Adjudication Committee

REPORTING PROCESS:

A final report is due to SLC Research Office no later than 3 months after the project end date. Failure to submit the final report may result in the denial of future funding through SLC Scholarship Awards.

The **ACTIVATE** Award will allow for applications for up to **\$2,000** for activities that will prepare and position faculty or staff to undertake a **larger internally or externally funded project with external partner(s)** (i.e. for profit, not for profit, or government agency partners). This award is focused on **applied research**, and eligible activities therefore relate to **relationship building and project scoping**.



Teamwork begins by building trust.

The **ACTIVATE** Grant provides resources for SLC employees to create meaningful relationships with community partners to scope and prospect larger collaborative research projects. **ACTIVATE** Grants are intended to build a framework for college staff to connect and build trust and understanding to co-create knowledge opportunities that will impact the community and industry partners.

The **ACTIVATE** Grant provides short-term and direct support for research activities with partners that will inform decision-making with a community or industry partner in the public, private or not-for-profit sector.

Applications should demonstrate scholarly, research or creative activities that respond to the priority needs facing organizations in non-academic sectors. These awards will result in stronger collaboration between SLC staff and external groups and enable the co-creation of new knowledge that will bring measurable benefits to the partner and/ or the broader community.

SUBMISSION PROCESS:

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TO APPLY!



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ELIGIBLE EXPENSES:

1. Wages or compensation for students.
2. Travel costs associated to engagement with the community partner(s).
3. Modest knowledge mobilization activities up to \$500. Conditions apply, please contact a Grant Facilitator.
4. Costs associated to hosting meetings or gatherings to conduct the project or share the results with non-academic audiences.
5. Materials and supplies.
6. Promotional materials.
7. Equipment may be eligible if well justified. Any equipment purchased must be made available to other SLC faculty for research projects.

PROPOSAL COMPONENTS

1. Abstract (300 words) ready for sharing publicly on the web if funded.
2. Project description (max 3 pages) that includes:
 - a. problem, issue or opportunity,
 - b. brief literature to support the approach,
 - c. methods/ work plan with a timeline,
 - d. anticipated outcomes and impacts, for project partners, the community, and/ or the broader state of knowledge
 - e. strategies to mobilize the knowledge with appropriate audiences to maximize impact of results.
3. Budget and justification (max 1 page).
4. Project team, roles and responsibilities (max 1 page).
5. Identification of future sources of funding, with justification.
6. Curriculum Vitae (CV) of all co-applicants and industry partners.
7. Supporting references.
8. Combine all documents into one PDF.

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

STRENGTH OF PROJECT IN RESPONDING TO A PRIORITY OF AN EXTERNAL PARTNER (60%)

1. Clear articulation of the needs, challenges or opportunity facing the partner(s) involved in the project.
2. Significance and expected contribution of the project to produce knowledge that addresses #1.
3. Appropriateness of the methods or approach outlined in the project, including integration of EDI in the research process.
4. Strategies to mobilize the results to non-academic audiences.
5. Potential for the project to create long-term benefits or impacts.
6. Potential for the project to build/enhance relationships between SLC and the partner(s) involved.
7. potential for the project to lead to future, external funding opportunities.

FEASIBILITY (20%)

1. Likelihood that the proposed objectives will be met within the timeline.
2. Evidence of meaningful involvement, commitment, and collaboration by the partner organization(s).
3. Appropriateness of the proposed budget and justification of resources (refer to eligible expenses).

CAPABILITY OF THE TEAM (10%)

1. Evidence of SLC and community partners on the project team and adequate quality of expertise to guide the project to successful outcomes.
2. Clarity of roles and responsibilities for the team members is evidenced in the workplan.
3. Identification of measures to promote the participation and advancement of a diverse team members and student trainees, and to create an inclusive research environment.

ENGAGEMENT OF SLC STUDENTS (10%)

SLC students are not required to be involved in projects, however, projects that provide meaningful engagement of at least one SLC student are strongly encouraged to help build capacity in community engagement.