

## **The Nina B. Hollis Research Impact Award (NBHRIA)**

The Nina B. Hollis Institute for Educational Reform  
Stetson University

The mission of the **Nina B. Hollis Institute at Stetson University** is to stimulate innovations for the advancement of all, particularly birth through grade 12 and non-traditional learners, relating to creating educational opportunities for all through research and applied partnerships. The Institute focuses on outreach and dissemination to address ways in which race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, English proficiency, community wealth, familial situations, and other factors contribute to or perpetuate lower educational aspirations, achievement, and attainment for affected groups of students.

The purpose of the **Nina B. Hollis Research Impact Award (NBHRIA)** is to provide seed funding to support research that expands the boundaries of education. The NBHRIA encourages innovative approaches to addressing barriers faced by affected populations in our society to improve their educational outcomes. Proposals may address such areas as: academic progress, social/personal growth, school culture and climate, and teacher/leader enhancement.

NBHRIA seed funding is intended to lead to external funding for continued advancement of the project goals. NBHRIA funding may support

- 1) Pilot or initial research projects that will be advanced through external funding, or
- 2) Research projects that inform innovation development, the implementation and evaluation of which will be funded through external funding.

The Principal Investigator must be a Stetson University faculty member. Proposed projects may include co-investigators from Stetson University and/or other higher education institutions or partner organizations. Collaborative projects are encouraged.

Proposed projects may vary in scope, with larger-scale projects funded at a maximum level of \$10,000 per fiscal year, renewable annually for up to three years total funding, and small-scale projects funded annually at a maximum of \$1,500, renewable for up to two years total funding.

### **Selection Process for New Awards**

Proposals are reviewed by the Nina B. Hollis Institute Executive Committee, Steering Committee, with input from one external reviewer. The Nina B. Hollis Institute Steering Council includes four Stetson University faculty each from a different department across various schools and colleges, the Director of the Nina B. Hollis Institute, the Chair of the Stetson University Department of Education, and a **minimum of one external education practitioner. The external reviewer will be a**

**national expert in education research and innovation.**

The proposals will be assessed on the following criteria:

- 1) the significance of the proposal relative to the Hollis Institute mission and NBHRIA purpose,
- 2) the clarity and feasibility of the proposed project plan, timeline, and outcomes,
- 3) its potential impact of the proposed project,
- 4) the degree of innovation in the proposed work and expected outcome(s),
- 5) the scope of the collaboration and relevance of collaborator expertise to the goals of the proposal,
- 6) the likelihood of development of the proposed project to attract external support.

Because the review committee is not asked to provide extensive written feedback on the applications, detailed reviewer responses will not be provided.

**Selection Process for Renewal Award**

The Nina B. Hollis Institute Executive Committee and the Steering Committee will review renewal proposals.

Continued funding depends on

- 1) progress made on the overall goals of the collaborative project,
- 2) the merits of the research plan,
- 3) the specific goals for the next period of support, and
- 4) the likelihood that the project is advancing toward external support.

Advances that could not have been achieved with purely individual efforts must be clearly articulated, and the effective functioning of the collaborative project team must be made clear.

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**2017-2018 Funding Cycle**

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Information session: December 1, 2017--Call for proposals

February 1, 2018: Proposals due

March 1, 2018: Award announcement

Funding Cycle: Dependent on proposal

Project Reports: Due at end of each semester

Funding expenditure: Based on proposed budget.

Research Proposal Guidelines:

Organize the proposal to succinctly address the following:

- A. Project goals
- B. Project background and significance, including how the proposed research fits with the Hollis Institute mission and NBHRIA purpose
- C. Project description and implementation plan (timeline)
- D. Project evaluation plan (with specific metrics)
- E. Expected project outcomes and anticipated next phases
- F. IRB approval
- G. Detailed budget
- H. Project sustainability plan
- I. Principal Investigator and research team members, including titles and departmental affiliations, and description of what each person will accomplish, including specific details on how he/she is critical to the project
- J. Append the Curriculum Vitae (CV) of the Principal Investigator; CV for Co-Investigator(s) is optional

Maximum proposal length is **five** pages excluding cover sheet and any tables and figures (including legends). Number pages consecutively at the bottom right of each page. Include the name of the Principal Investigator at top right of each page.

