Sustainable & Thriving Communities and Organizations (STCO) Research Community Development Awards

The College of Health and Human Sciences (HHS) Sustainable and Thriving Communities and Organizations (STCO) Signature Area invites applications for grants to support the formation of research communities under the STCO Signature Area. These STCO Communities will build interest around an interdisciplinary research area within the STCO Signature Area. Each STCO Community will conduct activities to increase engagement in its identified research area throughout the College and on the Purdue campus. The goals of these awards are to foster development of the research community in the College and to encourage multidisciplinary collaborations by HHS faculty conducting researching within the STCO Signature Area.

Applicant teams can request grants up to $5000 for up to 12 months. Proposals to this program should describe activities that will increase participation in that Community and within the identified research area. Example activities might include regular meetings, a seminar series, the visit of an external speaker to Purdue, organization of campus events to share and disseminate research, or other activities.

Due date will be on a rolling basis through the Spring and Fall semesters, 2022.

**Eligibility**
- The applicant team must include at least two HHS faculty members (any rank; T/TT or clinical track faculty are eligible) and represent at least two different HHS units.
- Team members can also include faculty or other key personnel outside HHS.

**Application Requirements**
- 2-page application describing:
  - Interdisciplinary research area of interest
  - Team members
  - Goals for the grant period (where you expect your community to be by the end of the period, self-identified metrics for success)
  - Planned activities. Include plans to recruit more HHS and other Purdue faculty to the proposed STCO Community. Plans may also work to engage graduate or undergraduate students.
  - Plan to sustain the community beyond the grant period
  - Fit within STCO Signature Area
- Budget and justification (does not need to be prepared by SPS, not more than 1 page)
  - Funds can be used for meetings (including food), travel, student support and others; HOWEVER, funds can NOT be used to pay faculty.
- Please contact hhsadresearch@purdue.edu with questions regarding allowable budget items.

**Evaluation Criteria**
Does the proposal: (1) fit within STCO Signature Area; (2) meet team eligibility criteria; (3) clearly state achievable goals; (4) describe a concrete plan to build and recruit members to the proposed Community; and (5) have a plan to sustain the community.