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### WELCOME

### What we're covering today:

- What is the purpose of the Kolvenbach Research Grant Program?
- Who may participate?
- What is the award size?
- When is the deadline?
- How are proposals evaluated?
- What types of projects usually get funded?
- How do I apply?
- What are my next steps if I'd like to pursue a Kolvenbach?
- Questions from you!





# PURPOSE

Inspired by the October 2000 address by Rev. Peter Hans Kolvenbach, S.J., the grant program:

- Foster and encourage socially engaged research
- Honor Loyola's research strengths and galvanize the institution's commitment to faith and
  justice work that serves the needs of the underserved in Baltimore and beyond



## PARTICIPANTS

#### Grants will be awarded to:

- Faculty members (T/TT and FTNTT)
- Staff
- Administrators
- Undergraduate students
  - Must work with a faculty member serving as the principal investigator, or
  - Must work with a faculty member serving as the faculty research supervisor and work with a community organization contact



# PARTICIPANTS, CON'T.

### Types of proposals:

- Faculty/employee-directed projects
  - Community-engaged projects led and conducted by faculty members and/or Loyola employees
- Student involvement in faculty-directed projects
  - Faculty research projects that would benefit from student participation
  - Applications must be submitted by a faculty member
- Student-directed projects
  - Independent research projects, such as capstone, thesis, or dissertation projects
  - Applications must name a faculty research supervisor and community organization contact



## AWARD AND DEADLINE

#### Award sizes:

- Faculty/employee-directed projects: Up to \$4,000 with a max. stipend of \$3,500
- Student involvement in faculty-director projects: Up to \$8,000 with a max. stipend of \$3,500
- Ordinarily, stipends support summer effort only
- Funding requested should be tied to research needs
- Program generally does not fund tangible items to be retained beyond grant period: laptops, cameras, etc.

#### Deadline:

Second Friday in February – this cycle: February 12, 2021



# PROPOSAL EVALUATION

The Committee on Engaged Scholarship, chaired by the Faculty Director for Community-Engaged Learning and Scholarship, evaluates proposals. Evaluation categories are as follows:

- 1. Quality of proposal: 5 points
- Significance of the project to the community agency's work, significance of the project to the goals of the Kolvenbach: 10 points
- 3. The applicant's ability and qualifications for the proposed scope of work as reflected in the application, the applicant's curriculum vitae/résumé or faculty research supervisor letter: 10 points
- 4. The articulation of the connection between the project and one or more of the values emphasized in Fr. Kolvenbach's talk: 5 points



# PROPOSAL EVALUATION

Evaluation categories are as follows:

- Research methods appropriate to the applicant's discipline and status with consideration provided for the work with the community organization (IRB approval must be obtained for research conducted with human participants): 10 points
- 6. The reasonableness of the timeline and budget request: 5 points
- 7. The likelihood that the project will result in a high-quality final product appropriate to the applicant (journal article, conference presentation, poster or public presentation): 5 points

50 points total



# EVALUATION RUBRIC

Evaluation Criteria	Excellent	Satisfactory	Developing
1. Quality of Proposal: 5 Points	5-4 Points: Proposal explains all required information in a very detailed and very articulate way	3-2 Points: Proposal explains most of the required information in an acceptable way	1-0 Points: Proposal omits some required information and/or does not present ideas in an organized way
2. Significance of the Proposed Work to the Community Partner's Needs and to the Kolvenbach Program: 10 Points	10-8 Points: Project meets the needs of the community partner and matches the goals of the Kolvenbach program	7-4 Points: Project meets most of the needs of the community partner and most of the goals of the Kolvenbach program	3-0 Points: Project does not meet most of the needs of the community partner and/or the Kolvenbach program
3. Ability and Qualification of Applicants: 10 Points	10-8 Points: All applicants are trained and credentialed in the project's area of work. At least one applicant has experience in engaged scholarship	7-4 Points: At least one faculty member, or the faculty supervisor, is trained and credentialed in the project's area of work	3-0 Points: No one on the research team is trained or credentialed in the project's area of work
4. Connection to One or More of the Values Outlined in Fr. Kolvenbach's Talk: 5 Points	5-4 Points: The project connects to all or most of the values outlined in Fr. Kolvenbach's talk	3-2 Points: The project connects to one or some of the values outlined in Fr. Kolvenbach's talk	1-0 Points: The project tangentially connects to Fr. Kolvenbach's talk or does not connect to it at all



# EVALUATION RUBRIC

5. Research Methods: 10 Points	10-8 Points: The project's research methods are rigorous and follow best practices for the area of work and engaged scholarship	7-4 Points: The project's research methods meet the basic requirements for the area of work and for engaged scholarship	3-0 Points: The project's research methods do not meet the basic requirements for the area of work or for engaged scholarship
6. Timeline and Budget Request: 5 Points	5-4 Points: The project's timeline and budget request are feasible and match the proposal's requirements	3-2 Points: The project's timeline and budget request seem appropriate and may only require small revisions for approval	1-0 Points: The project's timeline and budget request are unrealistic, confusing, and/or inappropriate for the proposed work
7. Likelihood of High- Quality Final Product: 5 Points	5-4 Points: The likelihood of a high- quality final product emerging from the project is strong	3-2 Points: The likelihood of a high- quality final product emerging from the project is good	1-0 Points: The likelihood of a high- quality final product emerging from the project is doubtful or unclear



# PAST PROJECTS

Past research projects have included the following:

- A faculty project supported by undergraduate research assistants studying the effects of sleep deprivation on detained youth in the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services
- A graduate student dissertation project studying eating disorders and body image issues in female immigrant populations in Baltimore City
- An undergraduate project studying the feasibility of divesting from fossil fuel endowment investments in Jesuit colleges and universities, including Loyola
- A faculty project studying the classroom culture, behavior management, relationship building, social/emotional competence, and problem-solving skills among at-risk youth English Speakers of Other Languages in Baltimore City



### To ensure a smooth process:

- 1. By the end of November
  - 1. Meet with potential research team members, if applicable, and review Kolvenbach web pages
  - 2. Ask for faculty research supervisor letter of support if applicable; faculty members working with students must obtain letters from students explaining interest
  - 3. Meet with Faculty Director to discuss project
  - 4. If project involves human participants, review IRB website, meet with someone on the IRB
  - 5. Gather and compose proposal material, contact community partner for letter(s)

#### 2. December

- 1. Meet with Faculty Director to discuss proposal draft
- 2. Send draft to community partner
- 3. Obtain community partner letter of support



To ensure a smooth process:

- 4. January
  - 1. Finalize proposal
- 5. February
  - 1. Submit proposal by the second Friday in February this cycle: February 12, 2021
- 6. Results are usually announced within a few weeks



### Requirements for your proposal:

- 1. Online application form
  - For student-directed projects, the name of the Loyola faculty research supervisor must also be provided
- 2. A 100-word project abstract and a project description that explains the plan, goals, scope of work, significance, aims, process, and research methods
- 3. A bibliography of primary and secondary sources already consulted and of those to be used
- 4. A timeline outlined the activities to be completed
- 5. A budget outlining the use of the funds
- 6. Letter from community partner addressing quality of the proposal



### Requirements for your proposal:

- 7. For student-directed projects, the name of faculty research supervisor and support letter
- 8. For student involvement in a faculty-directed project, a statement of interest must be obtained from any students involved in the project

### Requirements of grant recipients:

- Comprehensive final report due 60 days after completion of the grant period
- One-page reflection on the experience and one-page letter from community partner evaluating work and its impact on the organization
- Students must submit a one-page evaluation letter from the faculty research supervisor



## NEXT STEPS

1. Email Allen (<u>habrizee@loyola.edu</u>) and Rosemary (<u>rfriel@loyola.edu</u>)

2. Meet with Allen and Rosemary

Thank you!

Questions?



