



UT Health
San Antonio
Linking Interprofessional
Networks for Collaboration

**LINC Seed Grant Program
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
2020 Cohort**

Dear Faculty:

The Office of Linking Interprofessional Networks for Collaboration (LINC), within Academic, Faculty & Student Affairs, invites applications from faculty requesting financial support for **pilot projects** designed to advance interprofessional education (IPE) at UT Health San Antonio. Projects funded through the LINC Seed Grant Program will address strategic priorities for IPE within two or more schools on campus, as evidenced by letters of support from relevant administrators. Projects demonstrating potential in terms of future scalability, sustainability, and extramural support are welcomed.

Traditionally, IPE has been defined as “students from two or more professions learning about, from and with each other to enable effective collaboration and improve health outcomes” (WHO, 2010). It has been recognized more recently that all individuals who impact health care delivery, from students to working professionals, benefit from interprofessional learning. Importantly, evidence is emerging that quality IPE has a positive impact on learners’ interprofessional collaborative practice competencies and clinical outcomes from improved professional practice (HPAC, 2019).

LINC seeks to accelerate novel IPE activities embedded in required curricula, both didactic and clinical, as well as those existing as voluntary experiences outside of formal curricula (i.e., co-curricular IPE). Pilot projects must involve learners from **at least two different UT Health San Antonio schools** and be designed to develop interprofessional collaborative practice competencies in the following areas (IPEC, 2016):

- Values/Ethics for Interprofessional Practice
- Roles/Responsibilities
- Interprofessional Communication
- Teams and Teamwork

In addition to advancing a novel IPE activity, funded projects will formally investigate effectiveness through a robust assessment of desired outcomes. A well-defined plan to disseminate findings or utilize findings to strengthen applications for extramural funding is expected. Prospective applicants are encouraged to explore the National Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education’s website for information to support outcomes assessment (National Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education, 2019). Consultation through the LINC Office is also available upon request.

Who May Apply

All UT Health San Antonio faculty are eligible to apply. Applications can also include faculty from non-UT Health San Antonio institutions, but all submissions must have a faculty member from UT Health San Antonio as the Principal Investigator (PI) or co-PI of the project. Submissions demonstrating interprofessional collaboration, as evidenced by two or more co-PIs from different schools, will be prioritized.

Funding

LINC Seed Grants ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 will be awarded. The total number of awards available each year is dependent upon university funding. The funds awarded will be placed into discretionary accounts to be used only for appropriate expenses to support each grantee’s IPE project.

Letter of Intent

A Letter of Intent (LOI) no more than one page in length must be submitted and approved prior to completion of a formal LINC Seed Grant application. The LOI should concisely address the following questions:

- Who will be involved?
- What will learners do?
- What makes the project novel?
- Why is the project important?
- How will you measure the project's impact?

LOIs must be received on or before **October 18, 2019**. Applicants whose LOIs are approved will be invited to submit a full 5-page proposal that will be due on or before **December 13, 2019**. Application templates and detailed instructions regarding application submissions will be provided once the LOI is approved. Two workshops will be offered in early November 2019 to support the development of competitive applications.

Important Deadlines

Letter of Intent: October 18, 2019

Full Application: December 13, 2019

Submission Instructions

All LINC Seed Grant materials should be submitted via e-mail to Gina Schiller, Executive Assistant, Office of Linking Interprofessional Networks for Collaboration, within Academic, Faculty and Student Affairs, at schillerg@uthscsa.edu.

References

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2. Health Professions Accreditors Collaborative (2019). Guidance on developing quality interprofessional education for the health professions. Retrieved September 12, 2019, from <https://healthprofessionsaccreditors.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/HPACGuidance02-01-19.pdf>.
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Questions and Consultation

Interested faculty members are encouraged to contact their LINC Faculty Council representative with questions or for guidance to strengthen proposals:

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We are very much looking forward to working with you to advance interprofessional education at UT Health San Antonio.

Sincerely,

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