



FACULTY RESEARCH CONSORTIUM

Richard and Camille Sinatra Endowment Grant for Research Support of Tenure-Track Junior Faculty at St. John's University

Application Packet

Application Deadline: February 28, 2020

Grant Period: June 1, 2020–May 31, 2021

For additional information, please contact
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Richard and Camille Sinatra Endowment Grant Application

Cover Page

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Department and College

Campus Phone

E-mail

Campus Address (Building and Room Number)

Link to Online Faculty Bio (optional)

Department Chair Name

Campus Phone

E-mail

Campus Address (Building and Room Number)

Please list any secondary researchers participating in your study/project.

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Vincentian Institute for Social Action Faculty Research Consortium

In 2008, St. John's University established the Vincentian Institute for Social Action (VISA) to increase the visibility of the St. John's mission to enhance the educational experience of its students. VISA provides an organizational focus for a variety of programs where faculty and students can explore issues of poverty and social justice. As a Catholic and Vincentian institution, St. John's seeks to provide a distinctive values-based education. VISA fosters the development of a worldview that recognizes the importance of global interdependence and encourages collaboration throughout the University in activities designed to advance its commitment to systemic change.

The Faculty Research Consortium (FRC) of VISA is responsible for outcomes research conducted across all elements of the Institute. The FRC is comprised of a select group of interdisciplinary St. John's University faculty who have demonstrated teaching, research, and scholarly expertise in areas related to community service, civic engagement, and social responsibility. The FRC promotes research by supporting the recruitment of qualified University professors who serve as research mentors for students. The FRC also develops research initiatives through VISA's programs and community partnerships.

Guided by the FRC, the Richard and Camille Sinatra Endowment Grant supports community-based outcomes research for full-time junior (tenure-track) faculty at St. John's University. This research may be from any discipline with the specific aim of improving the areas of poverty and social justice.

RICHARD AND CAMILLE SINATRA ENDOWMENT GRANT

For almost 40 years, Richard Sinatra, Ph.D., served as an Associate Dean, Chair, Program Director, and Professor in The School of Education. He also served as the Chair of the FRC for VISA from 2008 to 2015. Dr. Sinatra has long been an advocate for systemic change. This endowment is an example of his continued commitment to education, the development of research at the University, and generous mentorship of junior (tenure-track) faculty.

VISA is proud to partner with the Sinatra family to provide an academic platform where junior (tenure-track) faculty can explore issues of poverty and social injustice, as well as provide potential recommendations/solutions through community-based outcomes research.

ELIGIBILITY

Full-time junior (tenure-track) faculty at St. John's University are eligible to apply for this grant. Applicants can be individual or collaborative; the principal investigator must be a tenure-track faculty member.

GRANT AWARD AMOUNT (Grant period: June 1, 2020–May 31, 2021)

\$2,500

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The application deadline is February 28, 2020. All applications and supporting materials should be submitted to Kara A. James, Senior Secretary, (718-990-5947) in Lourdes Hall or at casaresk@stjohns.edu.

AWARD NOTIFICATION DATE

The Richard and Camille Sinatra Endowment Grant is a competitive, application-based award. Awardees will be notified of the decision on their application/proposal by April 1, 2020.

CRITERIA FOR GRANT PROPOSALS

- Submitted proposal outlining the specific aims and hypotheses, research design, participants, measures, intervention, and statistical methods including power analysis/sample size, timeline, and budget
- A letter of support from community partners participating in the research
- Description of current internal/external funding for the project (if applicable)
- Priority for grant funding will be given to quantitative outcomes research
- Letter of commitment from community partner or site

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

To be considered for the grant, submit the following information and documentation:

- **Cover page (see page two)**
- **Abstract**
 - Summary of the proposed project in 200 words or less
- **Proposal**

Three to five pages, provide specific information on the proposed research project. Please use the areas below to guide your submission:

 1. Background and significance (i.e., theory and/or previous research)
 2. Specific aims and hypotheses
 3. Research design
 4. Participants (including power analysis when relevant)
 5. Measures (including description of reliability and validity)
 6. Proposed intervention
 7. Statistical methods
 8. Projected dissemination of outcomes
 9. Timeline (including IRB submission)
 10. Detailed budget (including personnel, supplies, equipment, conference presentation travel only, etc.)
- **Funding Guidelines**

Grant recipients must conform to the University [guidelines](#) on purchasing when using funds.

Additionally, grant funding cannot be used for transportation, donations, contribution to existing programs or gifts, or anything not specified in the approved application or pre-approved by the FRC.

GRANT RECIPIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provide a report each semester for the duration of the project (a template will be provided to endowment recipients) for review by the FRC
- Participate or present during St. John's University Research Month (April 2021)
- Submit a final report upon completion of the project (September 1, 2021)
- Submit an article for publication to VISA's *Journal of Vincentian Social Action* (<http://scholar.stjohns.edu/jovsa/>) or an appropriate journal to the researcher's discipline (December 1, 2021)
- Acknowledge the support of the Richard and Camille Sinatra Endowment Grant through the Vincentian Institute for Social Action at St. John's University in all papers and presentations relating to this project.

Learn more at stjohns.edu/faith-service/social-action/vincentian-institute-social-action.