IN/CO GRANT PROGRAM | ROUND 3
SHORT FORM APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The Colonial Academic Alliance is turning to true innovators – faculty and staff at our member institutions – to generate powerful ideas that creatively address pressing policy challenges in higher education; fuel collaboration between institutions; enhance institutional excellence; and promote innovation in intellectual inquiry. The Alliance will support and champion these ideas through the Innovate/Collaborate (IN/CO) Grant Program, providing grants of $10,000—$40,000 over two years.

PRIORITY FUNDING AREAS
IN/CO Grants will support multi-institutional teams of faculty and staff in the exploration and development of creative approaches and best practices that positively impact student success, advance scholarship, and promote the dissemination of best practices in one of the following priority funding areas:

- Innovative teaching and learning
- High impact practices
- Civic engagement
- Entrepreneurial education
- Student-athlete initiatives
- Student wellness and mental health

FUNDING GUIDELINES
IN/CO Grants will fund actionable, scalable initiatives that are:
- Designed to contribute lessons or best practices to the higher education community;
- Marketable for future academic publication or presentation at conferences; and
- Attractive to future foundation or sponsor funding beyond the IN/CO Grant Program.

REQUIRED INSTITUTIONAL MATCH
If selected for an IN/CO grant award, your institution must be willing to provide in-kind or monetary matching.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
Interested faculty and staff at Alliance member institutions are invited to complete an IN/CO Short Form application, *__briefly__* introducing a topic, idea, or challenge they wish to explore in collaboration with other member institutions. Please clearly complete each field of the application, succinctly making a case for funding. IN/CO Short Form Applications are **due on October 1, 2021 by 5:00PM**. To submit, applicants should email the completed form (and any relevant attachments) to Executive Director Lindsey Interlante via email at li@caa-academics.org.

SELECTION PROCESS
Alliance staff will vet proposals for compliance with the guidelines outlined in the IN/CO Short Form application. Compliant proposals will be presented to the Provosts' Council, who will select a slate of finalists. Finalists will work with Alliance staff to identify potential partners at other Alliance institutions, respond to any questions or concerns put forth by the Executive Committee, develop a grant budget, and complete a finalized project plan for approval. The Provosts' Council will reach a final decision on which applicants to fund by **November 19, 2021**. All proposals will receive a response the Alliance by **December 3, 2021**.

CONNECTING INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS

IN/CO Grants are intended to fund **teams** of faculty and staff from **two or more** Alliance member institutions. Given the diversity and geographic breadth of the Alliance, faculty and staff are **not** expected to forge these partnerships on their own. Executive Director Lindsey Interlante will work with finalists to identify appropriate institutional partners for their proposed initiative. Applicants are welcome to suggest possible institutional partners, but selection as a finalist does not guarantee that you will work with your proposed partner institution.

COMPATIBILITY WITH ALLIANCE MISSION

Projects selected for an IN/CO Grant award will be compatible with the Alliance mission:

> *The Colonial Academic Alliance facilitates collaboration and communication across member institutions, engaging faculty, staff, and students in meaningful initiatives that challenge the status quo, enrich the academic environment, and advance student success.*

EVALUATION CRITERIA

IN/CO Grants provide teams with the opportunity to engage in exploratory research and scholarship, so applications do not need to delineate every specific detail of your intended project. Successful applications will demonstrate that:

- Your intended initiative is strongly aligned with one or more Alliance priority areas;
- Your intended initiative directly addresses a challenging issue in higher education;
- Your intended initiative demonstrates a clear commitment to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion;
- Your team has the capacity, qualifications, and institutional support to successfully implement your project;
- Your team has an intentional, feasible plan to use the grant funds during the two-year grant period;
- Your institution is willing to provide in-kind or monetary matching.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND QUESTIONS

Applicants wishing to receive additional information on IN/CO Grants or ask questions may contact Alliance Executive Director Lindsey Interlante at li@caa-academics.org.