**Overview and Fact Sheet**

Under the leadership of Provost Terence R. Flotte, MD, and administrative oversight by the Office of Educational Affairs, the Liaison Committee for Interprofessional Curriculum is currently seeking proposals for the Interprofessional Education Grant (IPEG) Initiative. The goal of IPEGs is to stimulate the development of innovative approaches and programs in Interprofessional Education at UMMS, across the spectrum of health professions, and the clinical and basic sciences.

“The UMMS educational program must prepare our learners (students, residents/post docs, faculty and professionals) to function collaboratively on teams that represent the diversity of health professionals and the biomedical sciences.”

For the purpose of the IPEG program, interprofessional education must represent two or more “professions” from any of the groups as defined below.

* Licensed health care professions including, but not limited to, Medical Doctors, Doctors of Osteopathy, Registered Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, Pharmacists, Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists
* Doctoral or master level degree recipients in the biomedical sciences, faculty or professional staff

Participants may include any combination of students, postdoctoral trainees, residents/fellows, faculty or professional staff from the SOM, GSN or GSBS. Collaborative teams of faculty from more than one school would be welcome.

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| **Public Announcement (e-mail and website live)** | Tuesday, November 14, 2017 |
| **Submission Deadline** | Monday, December 11, 2017 |
| **Notification Date** | Friday, December 22, 2017 |
| **IPEG Funding** | January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 |

**Who can apply?**

Projects must be sponsored by UMass Worcester faculty and endorsed by the respective department chair in the School of Medicine or Dean of the Graduate School of Nursing or Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, as applicable.

Partnerships with students, residents and post-doctoral graduates from across the continuum of education are encouraged. Submissions in collaboration with educational affiliates and educational programs outside UMW are encouraged, providing that the project sponsorship includes a member of the UMW faculty.

**How large are the grants?**

The maximum grant award is $7,500. There will be up to three awards.

**How can grant funds be used?**

Grant funds can be used to fund technical or administrative personnel; for student stipends and consultants and; to purchase supplies and equipment. Awards for equipment purchases are restricted to items otherwise not available to the PI through his/her department or other central institution sources. All equipment purchased with IPEG funds will remain the property of the Office of Educational Affairs. Travel funding (up to $1,000) will be considered only if the travel is necessary for project development or implementation. *IPEG* f*unds cannot be used for faculty salary* *support.*

**What is the Submission deadline?**

The completed application should be submitted by **Monday, December 11, 2017.**

**Whom should I consult with regarding a proposal idea?**

Consultations can be arranged to meet applicants’ specific needs in designing their projects. Consultants are available in such areas as research design, evaluation instrument development, standardized patients and simulation technology, as well as in content-specific areas. Individuals who would like assistance in the development of their projects are encouraged to contact Melissa Puliafico (Melissa.puliafico@umassmed.edu ) for a referral.

The following individuals are available to assist with proposal development in their particular areas of expertise:

* Tony Carruthers, PhD, Dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences
* Deborah DeMarco, MD, Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs
* Michael Ennis, MD, Assistant Dean for Student Advising, SOM
* Melissa Fischer, MD, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education, SOM
* Janet Hale, PhD, RN, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, GSN
* David Hatem, MD, Co-Director of Learning Communities, SOM
* Michael Kneeland, MD, Associate Dean of Allied Health and Interprofessional Education, SOM
* Mary Ellen Lane, PhD, Assistant Dean of Curriculum, GSBS
* Sarah McGee, MD, Associate Director of the UMMS Simulation Center
* Anne Larkin, MD, Interim Senior Associate Dean of Educational Affairs and Interim Director of the UMMS Simulation Center
* Joan Vitello, PhD, RN, Dean of the Graduate School of Nursing
* Scott Wellman, MD, Interim Assistant for Academic Achievement
* Christine Woolf, PhD, Education Specialist, SOM
* Mary Zanetti, EdD, Senior Director of Institutional Research, Evaluation and Assessment