The Upstate Institute seeks to encourage faculty from all academic departments and programs at Colgate to propose scholarship on, or directly pertaining to, the upstate region of New York. The Institute hopes to make several awards for faculty research, development of a research symposium, and scholarly collaborations to be implemented in the 2017-2018 academic year.

BACKGROUND
-formed in 2004 to foster linkages between the university and the community, the Upstate Institute promotes scholarly research that relates to the region’s social, economic, environmental, and cultural assets. Institute projects promote community collaboration and civic engagement through the creation of knowledge and enhance community capacity throughout the region. Please visit the Research section of the Upstate Institute website (http://upstate.colgate.edu) for examples of how the mission of the Upstate Institute has been implemented through faculty research in previous years.

ELIGIBILITY, EXPECTATIONS, and FORMAT
The Upstate Institute welcomes proposals from faculty members from all divisions who will hold tenure-stream and category I appointments or who are appointed as full-time visiting assistant professors or postdoctoral fellows at Colgate through the 2017-2018 academic year.

Research Projects: Faculty may submit proposals for research on topics related to the broad region of upstate New York. A faculty member receiving an award for research is expected to share either the final or preliminary results of the study in a future Upstate Institute event. The template for the research proposal is attached. The format is very similar to that for major grants as outlined by the Colgate Research Council, including budget items. The Upstate Institute is normally able to fund projects with budgets up to $5000.

Scholarly Symposia, Workshops and Conferences: Faculty members or groups of faculty may also propose to organize a scholarly symposium, conference, or workshop that addresses issues concerning or related to the upstate New York region. The symposium, or an appropriate portion of the proceedings, should be open to the campus and to the general public, and be scheduled during the 2017-2018 academic year. Faculty proposing a scholarly gathering will also prepare a description of the event including intellectual and scholarly goals, proposed speakers and symposium participants, expected date(s) and potential audience. A budget for the event should be included which also specifies other potential external sources of funding and possible co-sponsorships. The Upstate Institute is normally able to contribute up to $2,500 towards the costs of a conference.

Scholarly Collaborations: Faculty members may apply to the Upstate Institute for travel support to meet with scholars involved in, or the development of, collaborative projects concerning the upstate New York Region.

DEADLINE
Proposals for research projects and symposia are due to the Upstate Institute by Friday, March 24, 2017. Decisions on successful proposals will be made by the Executive Board of the Institute by early April, and funds will be available on 1 July 2017. The Executive Board is composed of faculty and staff drawing from departments, programs and offices from across the university. A list of members of the Executive Board is available at http://www.colgate.edu/centers-and-institutes/upstate-institute/about-the-institute/personnel. Requests for support for travel to support scholarly collaboration may be made throughout the academic year to the director of the Upstate Institute.

Questions regarding the Upstate Institute’s research program should be directed to Director Chris Henke (chenke@colgate.edu).