

Dear Colleagues,

The Robert H.N. Ho Mind, Brain, and Behavior Initiative (MBBI) provides opportunities for Colgate faculty whose research and/or teaching addresses topics related to mind, brain, and behavior to enhance their own work and their connections with colleagues from across campus. **MBBI support is intended for faculty and staff from across departments, programs, and divisions at Colgate.**

The MBBI Executive Advisory Committee here **solicits proposals seeking funding for scholarly and curricular programmatic work connected to Mind, Brain, and Behavior.** As a result of generous funding by Michael J. '60, H'04 and Abby Wolk, Sara Wolk Weiner '93, and the Michael Wolk Heart Foundation, Inc., this round of funding may support projects to be undertaken in Spring 2022 and the 2022-23 academic year.

In this round of funding, proposals for initiatives in the following four categories will be entertained.

- Research that involves Colgate faculty (or faculty and students) collaborating across different academic disciplines to work on mind, brain, and behavior-related scholarship.
- Curricular development around topics related to mind, brain, and behavior.
- MBBI-centric travel opportunities for small teams to attend national conferences, visit leaders at other institutions, or undertake other travel with the intent to capture the latest developments in the field and to bring back innovative ideas and approaches for use at Colgate.
- Visits to Colgate by a distinguished scholar or scholars for all-campus lectures and faculty/student interactions. Scholar(s) would visit Hamilton for two or three days, with individual and/or group conversations with Colgate faculty and students to allow for concentrated, goal-directed interactions that significantly impact scholarship and/or teaching in MBBI-related fields.

Guidelines

Projects consistent with the above are welcome **from all divisions at Colgate.** Both ongoing and one-off events that promote MBBI collaborations that enhance **scholarship, teaching, or student involvement** are encouraged. All activities and progress on funded projects will be reported annually to the chair.

Proposals will be reviewed by the MBBI Executive Advisory Committee. We anticipate that the total budget for most proposals will be less than \$10,000, but high-impact proposals with larger budgets are encouraged, as well.

Proposals with budgets above \$3,000 will be reviewed competitively after the January 28, 2022, submission deadline (see below) and must include the following components:

- Project title and name(s) of applicant(s)

- Project description (maximum of four pages)
- Statement of connection to mind, brain, and behavior (maximum of one page)
- List of any other project collaborators, including faculty, staff, and students with a brief indication of their role in the project
- CV or resume of applicant(s) and major contributors to the project
- Proposed project budget that clearly indicates expenses for any travel, housing, living expenses, supplies, services, equipment, student wages, or other costs associated with the project.

Applications should be submitted as email attachments with the subject heading “MBBI proposal submission” to Laura Billings (lcbillings@colgate.edu) by **Friday, January 28, 2022**. Funding decisions will be communicated in February 2022. This Spring 2022 round of funding will provide support up to August 31, 2023. The next call for proposals will be made in Spring 2023 for projects extending into or through the 2023-24 academic year. Please reach out to the MBBI advisory committee chair if you have questions about your project idea and/or potential budget.

Proposals with budgets of less than \$3,000 should follow the guidelines for *discretionary grants* from the [Faculty Research Council](#) and may be submitted to the MBBI committee via Ken Belanger (kbelanger@colgate.edu) at any time.

Calls for proposals for funding of similar activities will be made in 2023-24 and beyond. We also envision supporting a regular MBBI conference with faculty and students in Hamilton on mind, brain, and behavior issues, with varying themes for the event with each iteration.

We encourage proposals from across campus. Please feel free to reach out to any member of the MBBI advisory committee if you have questions.

Respectfully,

The MBBI Executive Advisory Committee

Ken Belanger – Professor of Biology (chair)

Carolina Castilla – Associate Professor of Economics

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