**FAQ’s**

**SSRI Mentored Early Career Faculty Fellows Program**

**Eligibility:**

**I currently am PI for a subaward through another University for an NSF award for which I am not PI or co-PI but, rather, a research thrust lead? Am I still eligible?**

Answer: Yes

**I have not earned a major NIH/NSF award, I am a PI on a multimillion-dollar grant from the State – Department of Health. Am I eligible?**

Answer: No however, we would be happy to talk to you to see if a Level 2 SSRI Seed grant submission might be appropriate.

**I am a PI for an NSF RAPID project, am I eligible?**

Answer: Yes, the NSF RAPID projects are considered smaller external awards (e.g., NIH R03, R21, NSF RAPID project, etc.) and thus being PI does not disqualify you.

**I am currently a Co-PI on a William T. Grant foundation award. Am I eligible to apply?**

Answer: If Co-PI is the same as MPI then no, you are not eligible. If you are in fact Co-I and not Co-PI then yes, you would be eligible.

**Does my project have to be a new area of research?**

Answer: No, although the award does support training in a new area of research, it is also meant to assist with the development of new interdisciplinary collaborations aimed at building sustainable research and securing external funding.

**Mentor:**

**Should the mentor be the unit director of SSRI? Must they be affiliated with SSRI? Must they be affiliated with my department/college? How many mentors do I need to have?**

Answer: The mentor does not need to be a unit director of SSRI or affiliated with SSRI. They also do not need to be from your department or college. They should, however, be a social scientist at the Associate or Full Professor rank so that they can help advise on the social science component of the project as well as navigating through the ranks.  One mentor is all that is required. If a mentoring team is used, they would divide the funds (up to $1,000 total) in summer supplement.

**Course Release:**

**If my course release is higher than the covered amount (up to $7,500), can I still apply?**

Answer: Yes, you are eligible. You will however need to speak to your department head to confirm if you have the support to apply with this course release rate.

**Do I have to take two course releases?**

Answer: No. You may take “up to” two.