**2021-2022 GLOBAL SPORT INSTITUTE SEED GRANT PROGRAM**

**Grant Purpose**

The Global Sport Institute at Arizona State University is a research institute where diverse disciplines converge to thoughtfully examine critical issues impacting sport. As a cross-disciplinary enterprise, our efforts are integrated throughout the entire university rather than within a single concentration. Through our Seed Grant Program, we provide financial support that allows researchers across ASU to more deeply explore sport-related topics within their own field of study.

In the past, the Institute has had an annual theme to provide a context for researchers to apply their expertise to an impactful area, challenging scholars to expand or pivot their work in new directions. Previous years' themes included "Sport 2036,” “Race and Sport Around the Globe," "Sport and the Body," and “Sex, Gender, and Sexuality in Sports.” **This year’s call is open** and **all submissions will be reviewed** by the Institute’s research team and affiliated faculty with subject-matter expertise, which will manage the proposal review process.  
  
The Institute is soliciting proposals for the following two items:

* Well-defined, innovative, translational pilot studies that

1. have a high probability of successful future large-scale external funding
2. involve interdisciplinary collaborations
3. deliver impactful results that can be translated globally to sport stakeholders

* Working papers (25-30 pages) that identify a timely topic of study in sport, summarize literature, and identify gaps in the literature

**Evaluation Process and Award Expectations**

* **Research Grant Evaluations**

As mentioned previously, the intended outcomes of the Global Sport Institute Seed Grant Program include conducting research that will assist in securing additional external funding. In your application, we ask that you be explicit in how you plan to pursue additional donor funds, or alternatively, how the funding requested will lead to a completed deliverable in a timely fashion

Proposals for “pilot studies” are evaluated on both the potential for future publication of the research in academic journals as a joint effort between the academic unit and the Institute, and their likelihood of impact beyond the academic world.

Proposals for “working papers” or “state of the field exhibits” are evaluated on the timeliness, potential interest to a wide audience, and researcher’s expertise. It is the responsibility of the grant applicant to articulate how their proposed working paper meets these criteria.

Among several considerations, evaluators will be looking for projects that:

* Inform and facilitate discussion and action on the issue
* Increase the accountability of public and private institutions regarding the issue
* Impact the world by broadening our understanding of the issue

Full proposals will be evaluated and, when appropriate, scored through a peer-review process.

**Schedule**

Letter of Intent: October 8, 2021 at 5pm MST

Invitation to full proposal: October 19, 2021 at 5pm MST

Full proposal submission: December 3, 2021 at 5pm MST

Anticipated award notification: December 17, 2021

Initial funding date: January 14, 2022

Mid-term report due: July 15, 2022

Final report due: January 13, 2023

The Global Sport Institute and grant recipients will jointly commit to a delivery date for **the final report or project by** January 13, 2023unless otherwise agreed by both parties. Furthermore, any subsequent grant applications must be preceded or accompanied by evidence of successful publication resulting from the grant (or at least substantial progress toward publication), a formal presentation of the completed research, and/or documentation of success in securing external funding for the project. As a step toward final delivery, the Institute also expects a mid-term report to be filed by July 15, 2022. The Institute will send a link to an online mid-term report in June 2022.

**Terms and Eligibility**

1. Awards of up to $20,000 per recipient will be granted. Under rare circumstances, a grant of more than $20,000 may be considered. The number of awards will be determined by available funding. However, we expect to provide between 8 – 10 awards during the 2021-22 academic year. Awards will be made with a one-year project duration (January through December).
2. Eligible campus recipients are full-time, benefits eligible employees or students of Arizona State University. Faculty at all levels (e.g., assistant, associate, and full professorial rank), research scientists, post-doctoral researchers, staff members, and graduate and undergraduate students are eligible. Staff and students must have a tenured/tenure-track faculty sponsor who agrees to provide informational support and guidance.
3. Faculty and staff grant recipients must be on a continuing contract for 2022-2023 to receive funding. Those who receive a terminal contract for the coming year and those who accept a permanent appointment at another institution must relinquish the award. Student grant recipients must remain full-time students for the duration of the grant period.
4. Faculty from outside Arizona State University can only be considered for grant funding if sponsored by a full-time, tenured/tenure-track faculty member from Arizona State University.
5. Deadline extensions may be requested in writing. If accepted, only one no-cost extension for six months may be provided per award, and only with submission of a mid-term report.

**Restrictions on Simultaneous Activities**

1. Simultaneous awards within individual units at ASU are allowed.
2. Simultaneous or supplemental funding from external sources is allowed within the guidelines of both the Institute and the other funding agency. Prior to submitting a request for funding from external sources, recipients should consult with the Institute to ensure there are no conflicts of interest or intellectual property issues.

**Submission Process**

**PLEASE SUBMIT LOI AND ALL SUBSEQUENT SUBMISSIONS ELECTRONICALLY TO: [[InfoReady Link](https://asu.infoready4.com/)]**

**• Letter of Intent (due October 8, 2021)**

The Letter of Intent should include the following: an abstract of the proposed study or project, its significance, and alignment with the key priorities listed above. The abstract is limited to 500 words.

**Format**

The format of the proposal will be determined by the type of project proposed. See below for instructions on specific proposal formats.

**• Format of the Proposal – Option 1 (due December 3, 2021 upon invitation)**

Upon the reception and approval of the Letter of Intent, the invitation to submit a full research proposal will be sent to applicants, along with a link for electronic submission. The proposal will include the following elements:

1. Proposal — A maximum of five (5) double-spaced pages in non-technical language. Each proposal will include the following sections:

(a) Objectives/Purpose of the Research — State the specific questions or issues to be addressed or the hypotheses to be tested. State clearly how the research will make sport and the people/communities involved better—and, positively impacting the world as a result.

(b) Significance of the Project — Explain the new findings that this project will create and why these findings are important. Explain how this project differs from previous related studies. Untenured faculty, staff members, and students should especially be careful to state how this project is related to development of their overall research program, professional aspirations, work in sport, and/or how this project is in service of their community.

(c) External Funding Plan — In detail, describe your plan for obtaining external funding in addition to the Seed Grant . Specifically indicate what additional funding opportunities you have identified and how the Global Sport Institute research grant will help position you to obtain that funding.

(d) Research Design and Methodology — Explain how the research questions are to be addressed and specify the source(s) of data (if applicable) to be used. Provide a timetable for the project. If the research is currently underway, explain what has been done and what remains to be completed.

2. Literature Cited in the Proposal (maximum of one page).

3. Resume or Biographical Sketch in either NSF or NIH format.

4. Budget — Please use the provided budget template.

* **Format of the Proposal – Option 2 (due December 3, 2021 upon invitation)**

Upon the reception and approval of the Letter of Intent, the invitation to submit a full proposal for other project formats will be sent to applicants, along with a link for electronic submission. The proposal will include the following elements:

1. Proposal — A maximum of five double-spaced pages in non-technical language. Each proposal will include the following sections:

(a) Objectives/Purpose of the Project — Clearly explain the purpose of the project, the questions or issues to be addressed, or the thought-provoking nature of the project. State clearly how the project will make sport and people/communities involved better—and, positively impacting the world as a result.

(b) Significance of the Project — Explain how the project will contribute to the literature or what questions/ideas it will inspire, and why this is important. Explain how this project differs from previous work. Untenured faculty, staff members, and students should especially be careful to state how this project is related to development of their overall research professional aspirations, work in sport, and/or how this project is in service of their community.

(c) Methodology and Timeline — Explain how your project will be implemented or executed. Provide a timetable for the project. If any portion of the project is currently underway, explain what has been done and what remains to be completed.

2. Literature Cited in the Proposal (maximum of one page).

3. Resume or Biographical Sketch in either NSF or NIH format.

4. Budget — Please use the provided budget template.

**BUDGET**

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1. There are no F&A costs associated with these funds. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)