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• Website: Veteran Reconnect Grant
Veteran reconnect grant:
Focusing on Student veterans academic success: individual institution, collaboration, or research

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Agenda

• Goals to consider

• Veteran Reconnect Grant Round 5

• Grant award & eligibility 2019-2020
  – Limitations

• Instructions for completion of the RFP

• Questions
Goals to Consider

– Veteran Academic Success
– Provide tools necessary for Student Veterans Academic Success
– Veterans Transition
– Spectrum: from enrollment to civilian workforce
– Research
Standardized terms

Military-Affiliated

Student Veterans
Previously Serving
Currently Serving

Veteran Dependents
Veteran Reconnect Round 5

• Competitive Grant
• Open to all Tennessee public and private not-for-profit institutions of Higher Education
• Implement veteran programs, processes, or policies or consider other ideas
• Conduct research
Areas for Supporting Veterans

• Individual institutions:
  – Create new and/or innovative programs policies, or procedures

• Collaboration or Governing bodies:
  – Same as individual, but working with one or more institutions or through governing bodies (Within Tennessee-TBR, UT)

• Research:
  – Conducted by faculty; involves Tennessee public institutions across the state

See examples of use of grant funds and research topics on page 4 of RFP NOT ALL INCLUSIVE
Grant Award & Eligibility 2019-2020

• An eligible institution of higher education includes any public or private, non-profit institution principally domiciled in Tennessee
• Amounts from $50,000 to $150,000 individual and Research; $200,000 for collaborating institutions or governing bodies
• Budgets must estimate as closely as possible the amount of funds needed to support program
• If two or more institutions collaborate- one must be identified as fiscal agent
Grant Award & Eligibility 2019-2020

Limitations

MAY be considered but are very limited

- LIMITED: Develop or improve existing veterans centers
  - 50% Match

- LIMITED: Marketing
  - 50% Match

- LIMITED: Personnel
  - Long term: 25% match
  - Short grant term: budget must cover the term of contract

- LIMITED: External professional development
  - One event: must be clearly justified
  - 50% Match

Must create evaluation plan to show these items would improve veterans academic success
Timeline

• Submit Letter of Intent to Submit: October 4th

• Proposals Due –

  UPDATED: October 23rd at 12:00 PM CT

  Provide a chance to attend Veterans Reconnect Conference At APSU on Oct 14-15

• Award Announcement: November 13

• Projects scheduled to commence: January 2020
Proposal Scoring

• THEC Selection Committee

• Appendix B: page 16
  – Two versions of rubric: section 1.2 & 1.3
    • Slight scoring difference
  – Additional points for Webinar
  – Additional points collaborative
  – Assign funding based on the ranking until all funds are assigned
  – May recommend face-to-face for clarification
  – Recommend any required conditions for funding
Proposal Components

• Cover Page
  – Contact Information, type of proposal, & Signatures

• Section 1.0: Introduction (3%)
  – Clear description of proposal
    Max. 300 words
Proposal Components

• **Section 1.1: Personnel (10%)**
  – Who or what job positions are involved with proposal

• **Section 1.2: Proposal (28%)**
  – Description of proposal

• **Section 1.2: Proposal (30%)**
  – Research
Proposal Components

Section 1.3: (10%)

• Evaluation plan

Section 1.3: (10%)

• Research Evaluation plan
Evaluation Plan

• All proposals must include an evaluation plan
• Individual and Collaborative
  – Include expected evaluation over time of grant
  – Include starting point of evaluation
  – Include anticipated end point to show success
  – Create evaluation for 1-2 years beyond contract
  – Consider including institution/governing body strategic plans etc.
  – What are your corrective action plans if issues arise?

• Research
  – Evaluation plan for timeframe and accomplishments through grant
  – What are your corrective action plans if issues arise?
Proposal Components

Section 1.4: (5%)

- Indirect cost 8% of total budget max

Section 1.5: (10%)

- Provide a schedule of implementation of proposal or research
- Narrative of schedule should be included in the proposal 1.2

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Proposal Components

- Section 2.0 and 2.1: Budget and Budget Narrative (15%)
  - Exactly what costs are required for your institution to meet your proposal
  - In Narrative, make connections between proposal and requested funding for each item
  - Budget template in Appendix C
  - (pgs. 21-25)
Proposal Components

• Hiring Plan Details (if planning)
  – Include a job description, minimum requirements, salaries/benefits, & timeframe
  – Include HR with hiring plans
Proposal Order

- Cover Sheet (Appendix E)
- Project Introduction
- Proposal (all components as defined on pg. 11-13)
- Budget items (Appendix C)

The narrative portion of the proposal should be limited to 10 pages. This does not include the cover page, project introduction, budget template, and appended lists. Use 12 point font and 1.5 spacing when writing the proposal.
Questions
Deadline Reminders

October 4\textsuperscript{th}, 2019 at 12:00 PM (CT)
Letter of Intent Due

Updated
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Final Proposals Due

Submit to:  
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