**Crowdfunding for Scholarly Projects in the Sciences and Humanities**

1. **Eligibility Guidelines**

* Faculty, staff, and students are eligible but staff or students developing independent scholarly projects must identify an ETSU-affiliated faculty mentor.
* Any ETSU faculty member eligible to be a Principal Investigator (PI) or Project Director (PD) may apply or may act as an ETSU-affiliated faculty mentor.
* The project must meet acceptable standards within ETSU's diverse community of scholars (see the review process).
* A scholarly project generally leads to a publication, exhibition, presentation, performance, creative work, or invention and is typically subject to peer review, evaluation, or adjudication.
* Eligibility is not affected by other funding.
* If an application is accepted, the PI/PD may not submit another crowdfunding application until their current campaign has closed.
* If an application is rejected, the PI/PD may not submit an application for an alternate project for at least three months from the date of submission of the rejected application.
* A suitable ETSU location for the work must be used; any portion of the work to be performed at a non-ETSU location is subject to approval by the ORSP and must be performed in accordance with all applicable ETSU regulations.
* Projects involving human subjects must first be cleared by the ETSU Institutional Review Board.
* Projects involving animals must first be cleared by the ETSU University Committee on Animal Care.
* Travel requests are limited to data collection, direct project work, or for a project participant giving a conference presentation related to the project.
* The minimum amount that may be requested is $500. The maximum that may be requested is $9,999.
* The PI/PD may seek continuous funding for an ongoing project, at the discretion of the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP), as long as the PI/PD posts updates at 6-month intervals and donations exceed $100 per month.
* If accepted, the PI/PD must work with ITS-Research Computing Services (RCS) to assure that campaign media and progress reports are distributed via the crowdfunding site, ETSU social media outlets, and ETSU in YouTube.
* Human and animal research subjects must not appear on the crowdfunding site or on sites linked to the crowdfunding site; this is the case for human research subjects even if the images appear to be de-identified.
* ETSU will support no more than 10 Scholarly Projects at a time.
* Campaigns are discontinued when funding goals are achieved.
* Underfunded campaigns may only be extended beyond 3 months if donations exceed $100 per month.