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

**2.0 Application & Review Process Guidelines**

* Application is for an opportunity to seek crowdfunding in support of a research project through the ETSU Give Campus site.
* The application may be submitted at any time but only one application per applicant may be in review at any given time.
* The electronic application is simultaneously received by RCS, the ORSP, and ETSU Foundation Advancement.
* Applications are reviewed by a minimum of two ETSU faculty selected by the ORSP; in the event of a split opinion, the ORSP may identify a third reviewer.
* The ORSP will not reveal the identity of reviewers but review will be by persons in a discipline similar to that of the applicant.
* Review is to determine if the proposed work meets acceptable standards within ETSU’s diverse community of scholars. Based upon the application, there should be reason to believe that one or more of the following will be accomplished:
  + the PI/PD may generate a new finding or confirm a recent finding.
  + the PI/PD may discover and bring valued information to light.
  + The PI/PD may create, present, perform, or publish a new or derivative work.
  + the PI/PD may develop a novel concept, model, method, or theory or improve upon an existing concept, model, method, or theory.
  + the PI/PD may invent something recognized as useful beyond the boundaries of ETSU.
  + the PI/PD may solve a recognized problem that exists beyond the boundaries of ETSU.
  + the PI/PD may seek a patent, external peer review, or professional adjudication of their work.
* Review should determine that the ETSU-affiliated faculty member, whether applicant or mentor, has the ability to perform the work.
* Review should determine that there is an ETSU-affiliated location where the work can be performed; any portion of the work performed at a non-ETSU location is subject to approval by the ORSP and must be performed in accordance with ETSU regulations.
* Following review, the ORSP may accept or reject an application, or request that an application be modified.
* If an application is rejected, the PI/PD will be informed of the reason(s). 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.
* Applicants for crowdfunding should receive notification of a decision within thirty calendar days.