Call for Proposals
Advancing Peer Support at UNC-Chapel Hill

The UNC-CH Peer Support Core invites applications for mini-grants that advance peer support at UNC-Chapel Hill. Applications will be accepted through May 15, 2024 and will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

The vision of peer support driving this activity is a broad one, including formal programs and casual interactions that contribute to feelings of connectedness at UNC-Chapel Hill. Projects might focus on activities, resources, or even physical improvements that facilitate people connecting. Projects may focus on any or all of staff, students, and faculty.

Guidelines

• Applications are open to all current students, staff, and faculty at UNC-Chapel Hill.
• The total amount of funding available is $30,000.
• Awards may not exceed $5,000 without prior approval from the Core.
• Only direct costs are allowed; no indirect costs.
• Applicants are encouraged to submit proposals that serve one or more high-priority student groups (BIPOC, first generation, LGBTQ+, international, low family income, military-affiliated and veteran, female-identifying in areas in which females are historically underrepresented, persons with disabilities)
• Applicants may submit more than one proposal and are encouraged to work with the Core to develop proposals that have a high chance of being accepted.
• Given the purpose of facilitating development of ongoing opportunities for connection and interaction, funding for single events will generally not be provided. However, one or several events with a clear plan for using these as part of broader efforts to encourage social connections will be eligible for funding.
• Funding requests can be for ongoing activities – indeed this is desirable.
• Funds may be used to cover conference and travel costs.
• Funds may not be used to pay for food and beverages.
• Funds must be spent by June 15, 2024.
Examples of Projects / Expenses

- Setting up casual meetup spaces on campus (e.g., swing sets, sitting areas such as Adirondack chairs and benches, tents)
- Inviting speakers to come on campus to give talks on campus mental health and peer support (possible collaborative project) as part of ongoing development of opportunities and structures for connection
- Fees for training students, staff or faculty in skills which can then enhance programs
- Event fees (e.g., room fees, speaker fees, incentives) as part of ongoing development of opportunities and structures for connection
- Costs of developing or starting up ongoing groups around shared recreational, academic, or social interests
- Conference registration for topics related to peer support for college students
- Fees for peer support / mental health trainings and workshops
- Activity costs for expanding or enhancing an existing peer support program
- Producing marketing materials for a peer support program
- Combining arts and peer support
- Collaborations with community organizations or other college campuses

Application Documents

Application form

Submission

Applications must be submitted by email to UNCPSCore@unc.edu with the subject line Peer Support 23-24 Mini-Grant Application

Reporting

Grant recipients will be required to submit a short final report no later than June 15, 2024.

Questions and Consultations for Applicants

Potential applicants may submit requests for clarification or draft proposal ideas to UNCPSCore@unc.edu