

Office of Experiential Education ExEd Research & Scholarship in Indianapolis – Request for Proposals

Funding Opportunity Description:

Purdue University's Office of Experiential Education (ExEd) is allocating funds to support research and scholarship of experiential education taking place in Indianapolis and the surrounding area. The research area of focus must be in alignment with the university's definition of ExEd.¹ The scholarship of experiential education involves the systematic study of experiential education programs or practices and the dissemination of findings into the scholarly community.

Qualifications/Restrictions:

Applicants must be faculty or staff affiliated with Purdue University. The program under study must be serving students in Indianapolis.

Award Budget and Anticipated Number of Awards:

We anticipate funding up to five \$1,000 awards in this cycle.

Proposal Deadlines:

- Early Bird – January 30, 2025
- February 23, 2025

Award Project Period:

March - June 2025

Award Restrictions:

This grant is a one-time investment to develop, support, and/or disseminate scholarship of ExEd. Allowable scholarly expenses may include equipment, analysis software, supplies, website or app development, design services, printing, conference registration (if presenting), travel (if presenting), article processing charges, temporary student employment, and similar expenses. **Operational costs or ongoing expenses are not covered.**

Funding and Project Period Policy:

Funds are available from March 1 – June 16, 2025. Any unspent funds as of June 16, 2025, must be returned to the Office of Experiential Education. Due to the type of funds available, funds must be spent out of the Office of Experiential Education account and cannot be transferred to other University accounts.

Reporting:

The ExEd program must utilize the Office of Experiential Education's portal, ExEd Launchpad, to post their program. The portal is available for all faculty and staff to manage their ExEd programs. A brief report detailing the use of grant funds and outcomes is required by July 15, 2025.

Selection Criteria:

The ExEd program under study must be in alignment with the University's definition of ExEd and serving undergraduate students. Competitive applications will describe research or scholarly activity that makes a meaningful impact in experiential education research and/or literature.

¹ Experiential education is a planned pedagogy centering on an authentic experience to strengthen students' knowledge, skills, and abilities, paired with student reflection.

Proposal Guidelines and Submission Instructions:

Please provide the following information using [this online form](#) or request a link from Kate Caward kcaward@purdue.edu.

- Research title
- Author(s) name, title, unit and email address
- Research statement - a short description that can be used in promotional materials for a wide variety of audiences.
- Research description – include the research or creative question explored and the specific activities you will undertake with this grant support. Comment on the author(s)'s expertise and resources available. Please share the anticipated timeline and how success will be evaluated.
- Definitional alignment - see the definition and types of ExEd at Purdue here (<https://exed.purdue.edu/about/about.php>). Describe how your research subject is in alignment, commenting on all three aspects of the definition (planned pedagogy, authentic experience, and student reflection).
- Budget and brief justification - provide a budget and describe the expenses.