



Catalytic Awards - Application Questions

Overview

The Catalytic Awards Program application requires applicants to provide detailed information about their project. This includes the project's goals, implementation plan, expected impact, community engagement strategies, and budget details. The questions are carefully designed to assess the project's potential to advance open scholarship, its feasibility, and its benefits to the community. The information gathered will be used to guide the selection process and ensure a comprehensive evaluation of each proposal.

Please note that these questions are provided to enable prospective applicants to take a look at the questions.

Please copy and paste the questions into a separate document to create your offline draft.

To submit any proposal, you must do so via the [ORCA Portal](#).

Application Questions

Section 1: Applicant Information

1. **Primary Applicant's Name:**
2. **Primary Applicant's Position/Role:**
 - (e.g., student, postdoc, staff, faculty)
3. **Institution Name:**
4. **Institution Type:**
 - (Select all that apply:
 - i. [Non-R1](#): Institutions not classified as “Doctoral Universities – Very High Research Activity (R1)” by the Carnegie Classification. These include institutions with lower research intensity, such as R2 (High Research Activity), R3 (Doctoral/Professional Universities), and institutions primarily focused on teaching.



- ii. [Minority-Serving Institution](#): Colleges and universities that serve a high percentage of minority students, including Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs), Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs), and other federally designated categories aimed at promoting education equity.
 - iii. [Other under-resourced institutions](#): Institutions with endowment funds per full-time student below the national median (USD 47,287).
5. **Email Address:**
6. **Names and Roles of Key Project Team Members (if applicable):**
- Provide a brief description of each team member's role in the project.

Section 2: Project Details

9. **Project Title:**
10. **Project Description:**
- Describe your project. Include the specific activities you plan to carry out. Explain how these activities will advance open scholarship at your institution and/or within your community. (300 words max)
11. **Objectives and Expected Outcomes:**
- Outline the key objectives of your project and the outcomes you expect to achieve. How will these outcomes contribute to fostering a culture of open scholarship? (150 words max)
12. **Impact on Community:**
- Explain how your project will benefit your institution and/or the broader community. How does it promote inclusivity, transparency, and trust in research processes and outcomes? (150 words max)
13. **Targeted Audience:**
- Describe the specific community or group that your project aims to engage or benefit (e.g. graduate students, early career scholars, etc.) (50 words max)
14. **Community Engagement and Networking:**
- Detail your strategies for engaging with your community and fostering collaboration. How will you involve diverse stakeholders in your project? (100 words max)
15. **Project Start and End Dates:**



- Ensure the project aligns with the program timeline (June 15, 2025 – December 1, 2025).

Section 3: Budget & Funding

16. Requested Funding Amount:

- (Between \$5,000 and \$15,000)

17. Budget Breakdown:

- Provide a rough budget breakdown of how the funds will be used. (150 words max)

18. Additional or Complementary Funding:

- Have you secured or applied for any additional funding for this project? If yes, please describe the funding source, amount, and how it will complement this award. (Optional)

Section 4: Additional Information

19. Additional Comments or Information:

- Use this space to provide any additional information relevant to your application. (Optional, 200 words max)

Submission Confirmation

20. Confirmation:

- By submitting this application, I confirm that all information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge and that I have the support of my institution to carry out this project. (Check box to confirm).

Contact Information

For further inquiries, please contact eunice@orcaopen.org.