



# Faculty Fusion Research Grant

## MBB Faculty Fusion Research Grants

These awards are intended to support inter-faculty collaboration. These grants facilitate collaborative research that aim to explore bridging insights between research areas and methodologies, like the translational work of porting methods from one discipline into the content area of another. Applications involve at least two principals with award amounts up to \$50K. All Harvard faculty members who currently work or wish to work in MBB-related fields are encouraged to apply. New collaborations are encouraged!

Funds are intended to support projects that generally align with Harvard's fiscal year, i.e., July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026.

## How do I apply?

Submit your application as a single combined PDF file to [mbb@harvard.edu](mailto:mbb@harvard.edu) by the February 2, 2025, application deadline with the subject line "Faculty Fusion Research Grant application."

## Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What kinds of projects qualify for Faculty Fusion Research grants?

A: There is significant flexibility in how these awards might be used. MBB is primarily interested in supporting novel, interdisciplinary, truly collaborative Harvard faculty-led projects that are relevant to MBB's mission. Proposals must be explicitly cross-disciplinary, involving at least two principals, each from a different discipline.

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Q: What is interdisciplinary?

A: As fields change, it can be difficult to identify what defines interdisciplinary research. MBB encourages applicants who are combining elements of their own field with methods or insights from another field, especially if those methods and insights have not already been appropriated by the faculty member's original field.

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Q: May I apply for a Faculty Fusion Research Grant and a Community Connect Grant?

A: Yes. Proposals for the two grant programs will be assessed (and awarded) separately on their merits. Faculty Fusion Research grants support inter-faculty collaborative research projects. Community Connect grants support events or other activities that bring together multiple people from the community.

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Q: What kinds of project expenses can be included?

A: Applications include an itemized budget with relevant justification. An MBB award could be used to support, for example: personnel (including fringe benefits), research equipment or supplies, study participant costs, or project meetings. Faculty Fusion Grants of up to \$50K will be awarded with the hope that complementary support, if needed, can be secured through other non-MBB funding vehicles. We cannot guarantee that all successful applicants will be awarded the budgeted amount. Awards cannot be used as salary support for the Principal Investigator(s) or to cover indirect costs.

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Q: When will I be notified about the status of my application?

A: We aim to notify applicants within four weeks of application submission.

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Q: Do these awards have reporting requirements or other expectations?

A: Award recipients submit a final report to MBB at the end of the award period. Financial reporting expectations are described in an award verification document. Award recipients should acknowledge MBB in any publication(s) that result from their project. We encourage award recipients to participate in MBB events and may ask them to present the fruits of their work to an MBB audience.

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