

## **ICCFA Faculty Research or Workshop Grant Application Information**

The Illinois Community College Faculty Association (ICCFA) will award up to four \$2,500 grants for Faculty Workshops or Faculty Research Projects for the 2026-2027 academic year.

Because we reorganized last year and did not hold our conference, we are asking those of you who submitted applications for the 2025-2025 cycle to resubmit your applications this year because your plans and timelines may have changed. We will also be awarding last year's grants this year for applicants through the same competitive process used each year.

### **To apply for grant or workshop funds,**

- Ⓢ Fill out the application form.

Both full-time faculty and part-time faculty are eligible for grant awards.

- Ⓢ Applications must be submitted no later than 5pm Friday, May 15, 2026. Please email completed applications to Julia diLiberti, ICCFA Interim President, [dilibert@cod.edu](mailto:dilibert@cod.edu)

- Ⓢ Please put in subject line: ICCFA faculty grant application for [your last name].

Complete the application for and submit it. Julia will acknowledge receipt of all emailed applications within two business days (with the exception of the week of 3.28-4.4—there will be no responses given for applications made during that week until 4.9).

If you do not receive a timely acknowledgment, it is important to email ([dilibert@cod.edu](mailto:dilibert@cod.edu)) or call Julia at 309.251.8933. Only when acknowledged is the application considered complete.

- Ⓢ The ICCFA Executive Committee will review grant applications in May 2025. Grant winners will be notified during the early half of June. The approved research will be completed between June 2025 and June 2026. The grant funds will be disbursed before July 2025, to support summer 2025 projects.
- Ⓢ Please answer the application prompts fully. Sign your application. If funded, we may send forms for additional E-signature.
- Ⓢ Each recipient of a Faculty Research Grant or Faculty Workshop Grant must present their research at the annual ICCFA Teaching and Learning Excellence Conference. Failure to present at either the 2026 or 2027 Conference will require reimbursement of the grant funds. You will need to sign the acknowledgement of funds and your agreement to present.

Recipients of the grants will also be recognized in the conference program. The date for the 2026 conference is Friday Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> at Carl Sandburg College. The date for the 2027 Conference has not yet been determined. The year you decide to speak at the conference, you will need to submit a letter of intent to present at the conference by July 1 of the same year.

Thank you for applying for the research and workshop grant; it allows us to see the great work faculty are doing around the state.

### **FAQ for the ICCFA Faculty Research Grant Application**

- 1** If, during the process of research or preparing the workshop, it seems that there is a need for new methodology, personnel or supply, can the funds be used other than specified in the proposal?

*Yes. It is understood that research is an exploration of an unknown path. Creative work is done when chances present themselves. It is reasonable to examine an additional museum archive which the previous research points to, or to perform another experiment which the previous results indicate.*

- 2** Can students be employed by the grant?

*This must be cleared by relevant agencies to prevent conflicts such as “double dipping” of school-based scholarship funds or other similar conflicts.*

- 3** Can the stipend be used to supplement summer income in addition to the nine-month salary?

*Yes.*

- 4** Will multiple applications from the same college, or recipients from the same college in the past decrease the chance to get funded?

*The applications are considered on merit alone. In other words, applicants are competing with peers who applied, unrelated to applicant’s college or funding history.*

- 5** How many applications do you typically receive?

*About 10.*

- 6** If not funded, will there be an explanation as to how to improve the project?

*Due to time constraints, we are unable to offer an explanation.*

- 7** Can institutions other than community colleges be partners in the project and be funded?

*The grant recipients must be Illinois community college faculty members or jointly received by faculty with administrator, librarian, counselor, or technology support personnel.*

- 8** Are publication fees allowed?

*Publications fees for peer reviewed journals are good use of the grant. However, research or workshop grant funds may not be used for publication of a book.*

- 9** Can one apply multiple times?

*Yes. But we try to fund diverse people and colleges.*