MISSION INTEGRATION GRANTS [MIGS]

The Office of Mission & Identity in partnership with the Office of the Provost will award MIGS (up to $3,000 each) to faculty and staff to support deeper integration of the mission of Loyola University into their teaching, research, and or programs. The MIGS are funded through a one-time gift from the Loyola Jesuit Community. Projects can take various forms, such as curriculum and course development; research and writing; visual and performing arts; and mission-based programming and initiatives targeted at students, faculty, staff, and/or the wider community. Proposals that are interdisciplinary and/or collaborative, for example, one faculty/staff member partnering with another from a different discipline or unit are particularly encouraged.

RELEVANT TOPICS & THEMES FOR PROPOSALS

Grants will fund work on topics that engage with the Jesuit, Catholic mission of Loyola New Orleans within the following three areas of foci:

1. **Ignatian Spirituality & Pedagogy Grants** may be used to fund workshops, lectures, or retreats that provide opportunities to deepen experience and knowledge of Ignatian spirituality and pedagogy.

2. **Universal Apostolic Preferences Grants** may be used to support or develop research/courses/creative works & projects that connect to the following themes:
   - a. Showing the way to God through the Spiritual Exercises;
   - b. Walking with the poor, the outcasts of the world, those whose dignity has been violated, in a mission of reconciliation and justice;
   - c. Accompaniment of young people in the creation of a hope-filled future;
   - d. Caring for our common home for the protection and renewal of God’s creation.

   These grants will fund research assistance, travel, scholarly resources, summer stipends, speaker fees and conference expenses. These grants may also be used to support new course development or revision of existing courses to engage the topics of the apostolic preferences. These grants may also be used to support the development of creative works & projects including but not limited to performing, visual and musical arts.

3. **Reconciliation and Justice Grants** may be used to support activities that are grounded in Catholic Social Teaching and promote Loyola’s role as an agent of transformative social change in the greater New Orleans community.

GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

**Eligibility:** Full-time faculty (of all ranks) and full-time staff are eligible to apply. Applicants who are currently receiving or previously received University grant funding are eligible to apply. Interdisciplinary projects and/or projects that involve faculty and/or staff from more than one department, and integrate students as collaborative contributors are highly encouraged. Proposals must be endorsed by the primary applicants’ department chair(s)/supervisor(s).

**Application Deadline:** Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis as funds remain available.
Project Duration: Grants are intended to be used during the Ignatian Year—a global celebration of the life and legacy of Ignatius of Loyola from May 20, 2021-July 31, 2022. The Ignatian Year will commemorate the 500th anniversary of Ignatius’s conversion of heart beginning on May 20, 2021 and the 400th anniversary of his canonization on March 12, 2022; it concludes on the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, July 31, 2022.

SUBMISSION CRITERIA

To apply, submit a proposal as a single PDF, with the following content.

1. A MIGS proposal that:
   
   • Describes the nature, scope, and method of the proposed MIG.
   • Explains why the research/course/project is innovative through reference to related research/courses/projects.
   • Discusses the significance of the research/course/project to the mission of Loyola University.
   • Identifies methods that will be used to measure the success of the project.
   • Suggests future work based on the anticipated results of the project.
   • Outlines dissemination plans (research) or scope of audience and impact (course/project).
   • Notes the role and contribution of all applicants. Highlights any collaborative dimension of the project.
   • Includes endorsements from the primary applicant(s) department chair(s)/supervisor(s).

2. A Detailed budget that clearly identifies the purpose of the funds requested and identifies institutional cost sharing (if applicable).

3. Additional supporting materials such as curricula vitae of project faculty or staff, relevant bibliography, and/or project schedule.

REVIEW PROCESS

Proposals will be evaluated by members of the University Committee for Internal Grants. Proposals directly linked (or linkable) to the Ignatian Year will enjoy priority for funding.

IMPACT REPORT

As a condition of the grant, awardees must furnish the Offices of Mission & Identity and The Provost with a report after the completion of the research/course/project. The final impact report may be made available on the Mission & Identity website.