IBES Seed Funding and Working Group Proposals

IBES Fellows are encouraged to apply for funding to support projects that embody our focus on the intersection of human needs and the environment. There will be three funding categories:

**Large Research Projects** – These projects will have two or more Fellows working in collaboration. The Fellows need not be from different departments, but the project must address a research question that extends beyond the boundaries of a disciplinary department. External collaborators are allowed. Expected outputs should include publications, but could also include the development an externally funded project. The maximum budget is $150K and the maximum period is 2 years.

**Working Groups** – These projects will develop a research question that is best addressed with expertise from a diverse group of participants. The group should include two or more Fellows, but would also be expected to include other participants from both on and off-campus. The Fellows need not be from different departments but the research question must extend beyond the boundaries of a disciplinary department. Expected outputs should include publications, but could also include the development an externally funded project. The maximum budget is $60K and the maximum period is 2 years.

**Small Research Projects** – These projects could be developed by a single Fellow, but could also include multiple participants if appropriate. The maximum budget is $30K and the maximum period is 2 years.

The application process will be structured this year into three distinct steps:

1. A Letter of Intent (LOI) with one page that describes the project’s goals, methods, outcomes and participants, and a second page that includes a budget and references. The LOI is due by Friday, January 13. Feedback will be provided by the IBES Deputy Director.

2. A presentation will be made (by at least one IBES Fellow participating in the proposed project) at the annual IBES retreat on Friday, January 20; the retreat will be held this year at the Squantum Club in East Providence. Feedback will be provided by participants at the retreat.

3. A written proposal no longer than four pages (inclusive of budget and references) describing the project will be due on Friday, February 3. All proposals should include a brief timeline for proposed work. Working Group proposals should include a table of participants, which in addition to affiliation and area of expertise, also indicates individual’s commitment to participation as “unknown”, “tentative” or “confirmed”. A committee will evaluate these proposals with an aim of making a funding decision by Friday, February 17.

Please direct any questions regarding the application process to Dov Sax <dov_sax@brown.edu>, Deputy Director of IBES.