
UCM Innovation Grant Program
Grant Evaluation Criteria

Your proposal will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

Significance

- Dose this project help improve an important problem affecting healthcare or operations at UCM?
- How strongly does this project align with the UCM Strategic Plan or [2016 Annual Operating Goals](#)?
- In what way will the project create value for UCM patients and/or the delivery system?
- How will our understanding of healthcare delivery be improved by achieving the aims outlined?
- How will your team's project increase the capacity for future innovation at UCM?
- Are the results of this project likely to be generalizable to other areas or institutions? Could they result in additional grant funding in the future to further explore the area?

Innovation

- Is the proposed project original and innovative?
- Does this project address an area where performance can and should be improved or expenses reduced?
- Does this project address an innovative hypothesis or key barrier to progress?
- Does this project propose to employ innovative concepts, approaches, processes or tools?

Approach

- Does this project incorporate high-quality evaluation of the proposed innovation, based on rigorous science and methodologies?
- Are the conceptual framework, design, methods, and analysis well developed and appropriate for the project aims?
- Are alternative approaches presented?
- Have limitations been adequately addressed?
- **Is the team compelling and able to carry out the project?**
 - Is the team multidisciplinary? (Teams that consist of only one discipline of provider/investigator are less likely to be funded.)
 - Do team members have a credible track record of successful implementation?
 - Do one or more team members have a credible track record of research experience, applicable to the proposed project?

Feasibility

- Can this project feasibly be completed in a one-year period?
- Is there evidence of support and a plan for engaging necessary stakeholders?
- Have members of the team received the endorsement of their respective chiefs and managers for the time commitment required to carry out the project, including preparation of a final report and publishable manuscript?