Advising Grant Frequently Asked Questions

Why is a budget required?
The budget will show that your idea has been thought through and meet the requirements of the grant’s goals. It will also give the deciding committee the ability to possibly fill in gaps and ideas of how to operationalize the grant.

Why do we have to submit an assessment plan?
An assessment plan is simply a way to map out a way to show your proposed plan’s success. There is no expectation that you as the grant proposer will be an institutional researcher. It is easiest to start with your goals, work backwards using those to guide a way to identify assessment strategies.

What if what I want to do costs more than the limit?
Unfortunately, this would be a much larger undertaking than is able to be accomplished at this point. Consider the following possibilities to help scale your proposal to the grant guidelines:
• Is it possible that it could be done in a pilot format with a smaller group?
• Is there an initial step to this bigger idea that can be implemented to be built upon later?

Will I be supported in implementing my proposal?
Absolutely. The point of these grants are to make them successful. Bearcat Promise will help support the projects as effectively as possible.

What if I have an idea but don’t know who to collaborate with?
There are several ways you can find collaborators.
• Attend one of the Idea/Collaboration workshops.
• Discuss your idea with others in your office, including fellow advisors and advising directors.
• Ask the Grant Point of Contact (Lacey Tomlinson) to see if she has other people that may be interested. She may be able to help connect you with someone else on campus who would be able to make your idea come to fruition.

How much of our budget can be food?
Only a small portion of the budget should be food. While providing coffee may contribute to the wellbeing of the advising community, it will not have a lasting impact. Food should consist less than 20% of a budget.

What if my question isn’t on here?
Contact Lacey Tomlinson at Lacey.Tomlinson@uc.edu with your additional questions.