**TRIFECTA INITIATIVE MATCHING FUNDS**

**New Trifecta Initiative Matching Award**
The Trifecta Initiative would like to announce a new funding opportunity for faculty (including post-doctoral and other non-tenure line researchers). **The Trifecta Initiative Matching Funds Award** is designed to provide additional support and resources to enhance research activity, scholarship and collaboration within the colleges of Communication Arts & Sciences, Engineering, and Nursing at MSU through the merging health, technology, and communication.

A maximum of $1000 will be provided for each award – **the applicant’s college, department, or institute must match the contribution**. Funds will be provided on a first-come-first-served basis and will be evenly distributed among the three participating colleges. There is no deadline as it is an open submission, however, a use report is required within 6 months of the award.

**Trifecta Initiative Matching Funds Award Details**
The **Trifecta Initiative Matching Funds Award** is to assist with research and related scholarly development. Although the funds cannot be used towards the applicant’s salary, the award can be used for purposes such as:

- Data processing or analysis, including cloud computing time or hourly student compensations
- Incentives for study participants
- Software purchase or licensing
- Grant writing workshop registration
- Statistic workshop registration
- Grant review costs

**Submission Requirements**
Applications for matching funds may be submitted on a rolling basis throughout the academic year. If you are considering submitting for these funds, please email Katie Lacy (lacyk@msu.edu) so that we can be on the lookout for your request. I am also available to discuss your proposal.

Applications sent to the Trifecta Director (Eric Hunter, ejhunter@msu.edu, Subject line: TIMF Award) should include:
- A short description of purpose (less than 400 words)
- A paragraph describing how funding would benefit the applicant's research interests and goals
- A paragraph describing how the award meets the mission of the Trifecta Initiative to encourage merging Health, Technology, and Communication
- A brief timeline with milestones
- An email/letter from the applicant’s Chair or Dean confirming matching funds

**Eligibility Criteria**
To be eligible to apply for the awards, the following criteria must be met:
- The submitter (faculty, post-doctoral researcher, instructor) must be from one of the three Trifecta Initiative colleges (Engineering, Nursing, or Communication Arts & Sciences).
- Any product (e.g., presentations, publications) resulting from this support must include the following: “Support for this project was in part provided by the Trifecta Initiative for Interdisciplinary Health Research at MSU.”

To stay receive Trifecta email announcements, send an email to trifecta@msu.edu with your name, department affiliation, and preferred email address.

Sincerely,

Eric Hunter, PhD
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