

Social Impact and Innovation Award

The Social Impact and Innovation Award provides a year-long mentored experience to translate promising ideas into impactful solutions to solve population health challenges. These ideas may include kick-starting a project, developing a public health intervention, or building a new non-profit or for-profit venture. Applicants will be awarded \$500 to develop a project during Spring 2021 with mentoring from SPH faculty and staff in creative problem solving, innovation, and entrepreneurship. In Fall 2021, awardees will work with the Innovate@BU team to further develop their project and are eligible to apply for additional funding to grow their project into a sustainable activity or venture.

Competitive applications will convey the importance of the problem, show data to support the solution (for example, a successful intervention conducted with a similar population, an interview with a potential consumer, etc.), and, when applicable, be a collaboration with an organization outside of Boston University.

ELIGIBILITY

School of Public Health students in good academic standing are eligible to apply. Project teams may involve other students from BU, students from other universities, or members of the community.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

The Spring 2021 submission deadline is February 1, 2021. All applications should be submitted to ideahub@bu.edu.

Applications must include:

- a cover sheet that includes the project title, a list of project team members and affiliations, and a brief abstract that can be shared with donors (maximum 250 words);
- a description of the project that details the following in three pages or less:
 1. the vision for the project and the challenge it is meant to address;
 2. specific goals for the project;
 3. approach the project will take;
 4. timeline;
 5. a budget and budget justification. Funds must be used to directly support the project, which may include events, supplies, transportation, etc. Funds may not be used to support student or BU employee time on the project, publication fees, or travel to conferences.
 6. references (i.e. citations). Not counted toward page limit.
 7. If applicable, a brief statement of support from the community organization supporting the specific project. Not counted toward page limit.

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