

Rollins Diversity Advisory Council

Student Innovation Award for Campus Climate Change

GENERAL INFORMATION

How would you like to see the climate change at Rollins?

The Diversity Advisory Council (www.rollins.edu/diversity) invites proposals from students with bold and creative ideas for making Rollins a more diverse, inclusive and just environment. If you were in charge, what would you do to make a positive impact on our campus climate?

The Council seeks to foster and to model a campus environment that is welcoming, safe, and inclusive to all of our administrators, faculty, staff, and students. We view differences (e.g. nationality, race, gender, age, sexual orientation, socioeconomic class, physical ability, learning styles, perspectives, etc.) not as obstacles to be overcome but as rich opportunities for understanding, learning, and growth. We want to reward students for innovative ideas that push the work of the council forward.

Proposals will be judged on the quality of the proposal, potential for enduring impact on campus, feasibility, creativity, and how well they express the guiding principles of the Diversity Advisory Council. The primary focus of your proposal should be on your bold and creative idea. However, your thoughts on execution of your idea, including an outline, logistics, a strategic plan, possible challenges or any other related information could be an element of your proposal as well.

DAC Guiding Principles:

- We affirm the value of human diversity because it enriches our intellectual lives and our community.
- We celebrate the open exchange of ideas within a climate of civility and mutual respect.
- We reject all forms of prejudice and discrimination, including those based on sex, disability, race, age, religion, color, national or ethnic origin, ancestry, marital status, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, physical characteristics, or any other category protected by federal, state, or local law.
- We take individual and collective responsibility for helping to eliminate bias and discrimination and for increasing our own understanding of these issues throughout the Rollins community

The report from the 2014 Student Campus Climate Survey identifies several key areas of concern; if you'd like to review the results, please contact diversitycouncil@rollins.edu for a copy of the final report.

Collaborative proposals will be accepted, but prize awards will be divided among applicants. Submit to diversitycouncil@rollins.edu by April 1, 2015.

First place: \$250

Second place: \$100

Up to 5 additional awards of \$50 each

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APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Your proposal must include the following:

1. Title of Proposal
2. Abstract: Describe your proposal in 100 words maximum.
3. Proposal:
 - a. Describe the problem you aim to address.
 - b. Describe your bold and creative idea to address this problem.
 - c. What challenges do you anticipate to the project's success?
 - d. What do you see as the lasting and positive impact the plan will have on Rollins' campus?
 - e. Budget: What do you imagine it might cost to implement your idea?
 - f. Any other additional information that you can include related to your thoughts on execution of your idea (see above).

Your entire proposal should be no more than five pages (approximately 1,000 words)

Blind (anonymous) proposal review will be conducted by a committee made up of faculty, staff and student members of the Diversity Advisory Council. Please submit without identifying information in the proposal, but include a cover e-mail with your name and contact information.