**Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship Hub**

**Application for Faculty Research and Conference Travel**

The Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship Hub (the “Hub”) has a limited amount of funding available on a rolling basis to support faculty members who are participating in conferences related to the fields of social innovation, social entrepreneurship, and changemaking. Broadly speaking, social innovation involves the attempt to create new, systemic, and sustainable solutions to social problems that affect marginalized populations. Funding is capped at $1,500 per person per year.

**Guidelines**: Any full-time, continuing faculty member from any department is eligible. The Hub is especially interested in funding conferences in which faculty members present their research; collaborate with Rollins students; pitch an idea in a competition; align their work with the [UN Sustainable Development Goals](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/?menu=1300); and/or facilitate an interactive experience. Sample conferences might include:

* [The Ashoka U Exchange](https://ashokau.org/exchange/)
* [The Sullivan Foundation Faculty Summit](https://sullivanfdn.org/summit/)
* [The Global Health and Innovation Conference](https://www.uniteforsight.org/conference/)
* The annual conference of [Net Impact](https://www.netimpact.org/)
* The Ashoka U Scholars [Writing Retreat](https://ashokau.org/blog/top-5-reasons-to-join-the-ashoka-u-scholars-writing-retreat/)
* Middlebury College’s [June Forum](http://mcse.middlebury.edu/event/juneforum/) on Social Impact

This funding may also be used to support faculty research that results in publication or an academic outlet other than a conference. Upon completion of the project, the Hub will request a brief report of results.

**Application:**

Name:

Department:

Rank:

Name of conference (please include URL if possible):

Dates of participation:

Briefly explain how this conference relates to the field of social innovation, social entrepreneurship, or changemaking.

Briefly explain which UN Sustainable Development Goals that your conference participation is oriented toward.

What is your role at the conference? Please attach documentation, including a paper abstract, if available.

Describe the anticipated impact of your participation, including how you will use this conference (or other research) to further your changemaking work on campus when you return. For example: presenting your research on campus; working with students to develop a social venture; serving on the Hub’s advisory committee; training other faculty members; etc.

Please provide a simple budget of expenses.

Please list other sources of funding you are receiving for this conference, if any.