



Presidential Racial Justice and Equity Fund Application

Established by Augustana College President Steve Bahls and Jane Bahls, this fund encourages students to initiate projects on campus or within the Quad Cities community that support equity and justice. (<https://www.augustana.edu/about-us/president/racial-justice-equity-fund>)

Projects should meet any of the following criteria:

- Raise awareness of racial justice issues
- Promote dialogue between differing constituencies concerning racial justice issues
- Propose solutions to address racial justice issues
- Encourage activism and social change to address racial justice issues
- Help the community explore underlying equity issues that impact racial justice

Projects may involve research, events, artistic materials or performance, pilot projects or educational materials. Projects should require a one-time investment rather than a need for sustained investment.

How to apply

Each project should have the endorsement of a faculty member, though in some cases a staff member or local community member with direct ties to or experience with a proposed project may also be required. Projects will be reviewed by a selection committee.

Criteria for evaluating proposals include:

- Impact on awareness at Augustana or the broader community and world
- Likelihood that increased awareness will result in social change
- Degree of student leadership and involvement
- Education, outreach and behavior change —(how many members of the Augustana community or local community are impacted)
- Feasibility (does proposed project, funding request and process have potential to meet stated aims).

In a separate document please complete the following and send to: vpdiversity@augustana.edu.

Project Title Short descriptive title of project.

Individual/Group Members Names and contact information of those who have committed themselves and agree to work on the project. Identify contact person with an asterisk (*).

Faculty Member Name and contact information of faculty the member endorsing the project.

Focus of project Select one area of justice impacted by race

- criminal justice
- economic justice
- environmental justice
- health care justice
- other (please identify)

Objective and Rationale In a few sentences (<100 words total) describe the rationale for the project, the objective(s) and the intended outcome(s). This statement should identify how the project supports equity and justice.

Description

The description should be relatively brief (approx. 250 - 500 words) and should enable the reader to understand the purpose and scope of the project, including costs. Use the list of questions below to aid in crafting the project description.

What is your project? Is this a new project, or the expansion or continuation of a current project? What inspired your project? Who is your target community? How does the project meet goals associated with the Presidential Racial Justice and Equity Fund?

Projected Timeline:

Proposed Costs: Include how the funds will be utilized.

Applications are submitted to the vice president for diversity, equity and inclusion and should be uploaded [here](#).