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Subject: Proposals due Friday 1/29 for d'Arbeloff Fund and Alumni Class Funds
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To: All Instructors all-instructors@mit.edu



Dear Colleague,

This is a reminder that proposals for the Alex and Brit d'Arbeloff Fund for Excellence in Education and the Alumni Class Funds for 2020-21 are due on **Friday, January 29, 2021**. Proposals should be submitted to darbeloff-alumnifunds-2021@mit.edu.

The AY2022 Call for proposals to the d'Arbeloff Fund:

This fund was established to support larger-scale ambitious MIT faculty-led projects designed to strengthen undergraduate education and enrich the academic experience of our undergraduates. Proposals can be focused at any level of undergraduate education; priority will be given to projects that:

- Improve the first-year academic experience, including enhancing the General Institute Requirements (GIRs).
- Enhance undergraduate advising and mentoring at all levels.
- Catalyze long-term, sustainable education innovation inspired by good practices developed in response to the adverse conditions related to the pandemic and remote teaching.

Proposals that make use of innovative, active, and/or inclusive pedagogies to improve student learning and the student experience are encouraged, as are projects that transcend specific departmental curricula, and/or make use of online technology.

The Selection Committee places a high value on assessment of educational innovations and encourages sharing of good practices and results. If you are interested in discussing how you might develop an educational research study for your innovation please contact the [Teaching + Learning Lab \(T+LL\)](#). Resources to help you develop your own plan are available on [T+LL's website](#).

A final report on the project is required at the end of the funding period (August 2022).

Information on current and past projects can be found at the d'Arbeloff Fund's [website](#). The guidelines, cover sheet, and budget template are also attached for your convenience.

The AY2022 Call for proposals to the Alumni Class Funds (supported by the Classes of 1951, 1955, 1972, and 1999):

These funds are intended to launch innovative educational projects, particularly for

undergraduate education. Funding is intended as seed money for new, "high risk" initiatives that encourage creative curriculum and teaching changes, improve the quality of teaching, and enrich the learning experience, including the imaginative use of technology and applications. You are encouraged to think creatively and collaboratively about undertaking a curricular or pedagogical innovation. The committee welcomes projects that will:

- make a novel or creative contribution to MIT's educational excellence.
- test ideas about effective education including ways in which innovative pedagogies can facilitate learning and teaching within the MIT residential educational system.
- demonstrate the special and specific value of a residentially based education.
- improve student-faculty engagement and/or student self-efficacy.

The Selection Committee places a high value on assessment of educational innovations and encourages sharing of good practices and results. Resources to help you develop your own plan are available on [T+LL's website](#).

A final report on the project is required at the end of the funding period (August 2022).

Information on current and past projects can be found at the Alumni Class Funds' [website](#). The guidelines, cover sheet, and budget template are also attached for your convenience.

If you have questions about applying for either grant, please contact darbeloff-alumnifunds-2021@mit.edu or Assistant Dean Genevieve Filiault (filiault@mit.edu). I hope you are inspired by the availability of these funds and the committed support of our alumni to propose innovative projects that contribute to undergraduate education at MIT.

Sincerely,

Ian A. Waitz
Vice Chancellor
Jerome C. Hunsaker Professor of Aeronautics and Astronautics



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Application Cover Sheet

Complete proposals should be sent to d'arbeloff-alumnifunds-2021@mit.edu no later than **Friday, January 29, 2021.**

*****This application is for (select one):*****

- d'Arbeloff (intended for larger-scale, ambitious, MIT-faculty led projects)
- Alumni Class Funds (intended for innovative projects for new, high-risk educational initiatives)

Applicant Information

Primary investigator: _____ Title: _____

Department: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Co-investigator(s) name(s), title(s), department(s), and email(s): _____

Project Information

Project title: _____

Department/Lab/Center in which the project is based: _____

This project is primarily for exclusively for undergraduate education.

Funding request is: new continuation

Total project _____ Amount requested: _____

Other sources of funding committed or received for this project (note departmental cost-sharing and other sources): _____

Financial administrator name and email: _____

Name of support letter author (relevant department, program, or section head): _____

Abstract of project (limit 800 characters, will be published): _____

Previous funding

Outcomes of previous d'Arbeloff/ACF funded projects and amount of unspent funds: _____



CDF Budget
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