COFAC CoLab, where the divergent merge

WHAT?
The COFAC CoLab is an incubator for ideas, projects and collaboration. Established in the fall of 2017, the Lab is a home for Interdisciplinary work. The aim is to build a hub, where ideas can be cross-fertilized and put into motion. It is a nucleus, a pivot point and a catapult over disciplinary and cultural borders. Designed as a space where fields of study are porous and contemporary cultures are created, the objective is to build new knowledge for an ever-evolving world.

A CALL TO NEW KNOWLEDGE?
Every Spring the CoLab will put out a call to faculty, students and staff to present a project under the 3-year theme (see 2018-2020 theme below). These calls are designed to work in tandem with the overall theme and research at the Lab – but to bring in new ideas and alternative modes of thought. Each term a small project ($500) and a large project ($1000) will be awarded and presented at the center. Students need to have faculty advisers and home departments which the funds run through.

2018-2020 THE OTHER IN ALL OF US & THE MIGRATION OF THOUGHT

Each one of us is a complex atlas of genetic information, mapping out the migration of our ancient ancestors. As humans physically evolve, so does our consciousness and our challenges to exist.

Therefore, as scientists begin to piece together humanity’s origin story via DNA/fossils, and old ideas of creation and race are proven false—how do we, as culture and meaning makers play a role in the migration of thought? As economic apartheid, environmental justice, critical race issues, sexuality and gender rights come to light—how do we as appreciators, professors, practitioners and students make our work and ideas accessible as possible, giving a lens to the other in all of us?

This first term will focus on the idea that there is value in seeking out new perspectives and alternative modes to inform art, science and society. As cultural workers, it is our civic duty to help build such opportunities. CoLab’s interdisciplinary practice, takes risks and shares our mistakes. These findings will inform evolving practices and research. We are taking a reflective, ecological and auto-ethnographic approach to our social practices.

The first year will focus on COFAC collaborations, the next year will focus on consortiums across colleges and the third year will open up to incubating ideas around the world.

Questions? Contact CoLab@towson.edu
# CoLab Interdisciplinary Center Funding Application Form

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## Part I

**Applicant’s name:**

________________________________________ Date: ___________

**Department:**

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**Rank:**

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**Grant type (check one):**

___ Small ($500 maximum)

___ Large ($1000 maximum)

**Semester (check one):**

___ Fall 2018

___ Spring 2019

* Please e-mail the application to CoLab@towson.edu by June 1st.
**Part II** (300 words maximum)

Clearly describe the project goal(s) and the value of the project in terms of promoting interdisciplinary collaboration. Articulate who the interdisciplinary partners are, and how the project extends beyond the applicant’s department.

**Part III** (150 words maximum)

Provide a timeline for the project. Clearly explain the project budget. Will other sources of funding also be used? If yes, please describe.

**Part IV**

Has this project been funded in the past? If yes, please list sources.

**Signature of applicant:** ___________________________ **Date:** __________