BLI Small Grant Application

Introduction
BLI Small Grants are intended to (1) stimulate learning about leadership through practice, (2) encourage and support student initiative, and (3) seed innovative projects that will contribute to the Institute, campus community, and/or society. A rolling application deadline and a speedy review process will ensure the opportunity to support short-term projects or unexpected opportunities. The Small Grants program provides grants up to $200 to BLI Fellows to launch short-term projects or events that address issues about which they are passionate.

Student Eligibility
All proposed projects must involve at least one BLI Fellow who has completed their leadership lab.

Please note:
• Students may only receive one small grant
• If a team receives a small grant, they are still eligible to apply for a Student Project grant at a later date (see the BLI website “Awards and Grants” page for further information).

The Institute’s Expectations of Students
Each small grant application should clearly address the following items:

• Leadership – Each project should include leadership as a key element. Leadership can be the focus and driving force of the initiative or the byproduct.

• Project Goals – The BLI prioritizes funding for projects that make a meaningful contribution to a community larger than the members of the project team. Describe your aspirations for the project as a whole and the broader impacts the project might have.

• Support Expectations – Sketch out and justify the monetary and non-monetary support you hope to receive from the BLI. Also include any support you are receiving from other units on and off campus.

• Reflection – In every experience, reflection is key to learning and applications should describe how the team will integrate reflection in their process.

• Reporting – Please specify how you plan to present your project and the lessons you’ve learned to the BLI community.

Submission Instructions and Deadlines
Please submit the application, proposal, and any additional materials you would like to include to bargerleadershipinstitute@umich.edu. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact the Institute at bargerleadershipinstitute@umich.edu.

Review Process
After receiving your application, the selection committee will review the application and provide feedback and a decision to the group in a timely manner, ensuring a quick turnaround. The selection committee will either accept the project as is, suggest modifications for proposal re-submission, or deny financial support.
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Deadline: Rolling

Today’s Date: ___________ Proposed Project Start and End Dates: ______________________

Project Title: __________________________________________

Names, Majors, and Class Status of Students on Planning Team: ______________________

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Total proposal should be 1-2 single-spaced pages (no more than 1,000 words) and must include the following components (This page limit does not include your project timeline and budget):

1. Goals and Objectives
2. Implementation and Evaluation Plan
3. Timeline
4. Reflection and Presentation Plan
5. Budget and Justification

Will this project be integrated or associated with a current UM/BLI activity/initiative? If so, which one? ______________________

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Will this project be integrated with a class? If so, how? ______________________

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