

**President’s Award for Transdisciplinary Collaboration**

This award seeks to recognize multidisciplinary project teams undertaking exemplary trans-sectoral collaboration addressing a complex societally relevant issue. These research teams work collaboratively with actively engaged participants from different sectors — academia, business and industry, government laboratories and agencies, and organizations in civil society. Exemplary transdisciplinary and cross-sectoral projects must integrate the following characteristics:

- Dual motivations or integrated purposes that seek new knowledge and address a critical societal challenge.
- Shared leadership by academic researchers and researchers representing wider society, working in a collaborative and equitable partnership.
- Sustained urgency and intensely focused on addressing a societal project while recognizing that fundamental understanding requires sustained effort.

**Award Criteria**

Award applications are evaluated using the following criteria. Scores are determined by rating the degree to which the project — as described in the award application — meets the criteria in each category listed below.

<p><b>Development — 20%</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate efforts in identifying partners and forming collaborations and connections.</li> <li>• Describe a societal issue or problem addressed by the project, how it was identified, and why it interests the parties involved.</li> <li>• Identify the discipline(s) involved and explain the transdisciplinary challenges — goal identification, methodologies, scheduling, and vocabularies — engaged in developing the project.</li> <li>• Outline the vision and goals of the project.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Collaborative planning and implementation — 40%</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clearly describe the project implementation — who, what, where, how, and why.</li> <li>• Identify the internal and external partners involved.</li> <li>• Explain the steps taken in the project to promote transdisciplinary and trans-sectoral collaboration at ASU and beyond.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Impact, outcomes, and measurable results — 40%</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define how the project’s success was measured. This can be done using a wide array of quantitative, qualitative, or both measures. Examples might include, but are not limited to:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Artifacts.</li> <li>○ Interviews.</li> <li>○ Narrative reflections.</li> <li>○ Newsworthiness linked to collaboration, media, releases, television stories, etc.</li> <li>○ Pre- and post-tests.</li> <li>○ Surveys.</li> <li>○ Testimonials.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Demonstrate academic excellence in knowledge production and innovation, and a connection to any of <a href="#">ASU’s overarching design aspirations</a>.</li> <li>• Describe the impact of the project and explain how it aligns with transdisciplinary collaboration goals.</li> <li>• Explain how evidence was gathered and analyzed.</li> </ul>

- Illustrate what policies and processes can be derived from the project.
- Indicate how long the project has been operating and if it will continue.
- Summarize the potential for this project to be replicated by other areas of ASU or by other organizations or if the project will expand its scope and impact.
- What impact did you see in the individual discipline(s) resulting from this transdisciplinary collaboration?

**Questions**

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