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## **News Release**

## Universities of Wisconsin faculty, staff, & students invited to apply for civil dialogue grants

MADISON, Wis.—The Wisconsin Institute for Citizenship and Civil Dialogue (WICCD) invites faculty, staff, and students at the Universities of Wisconsin (UWs) to apply for grants that enhance democracy through civil dialogue in a robust marketplace of ideas.



WICCD offers grants each fall and spring in four areas: research, events and related activities, assessment, and curriculum and professional development. A total of \$90,000 is budgeted for the fall grant cycle.

"Consistent with our strategic plan, the Universities of Wisconsin aim to be a national leader in promoting the First Amendment and civil dialogue," said UWs President Jay Rothman. "With the Institute's leadership, these grants provide a catalyst for that work at all our universities."

Fall semester applications are due October 15 while spring semester applications will be due March 15. Applications are now being accepted.

More information on the grant program, application process, criteria, selection process, and use of funds can be found at <u>wisconsin.edu/wiccd/wiccd-grant-program/</u>.

Successful recipients must submit a report to WICCD on the project's outcome.

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The Universities of Wisconsin serve more than 162,500 students. Awarding nearly 37,000 degrees annually, these 13 public universities are Wisconsin's talent pipeline, putting graduates in position to increase their earning power, contribute to their communities, and make Wisconsin a better place to live. Nearly 90 percent of in-state Universities of Wisconsin graduates stay in the state five years after earning a degree. The universities provide a 23:1 return on state investment. The Universities of Wisconsin also contribute to the richness of Wisconsin's culture and economy with groundbreaking research, new companies and patents, and boundless creative intellectual energy. Learn more at wisconsin.edu.

The Wisconsin Institute for Citizenship and Civil Dialogue (WICCD), a unit of the Universities of Wisconsin, provides resources, opportunities, and support for teaching, learning, and practicing viewpoint diversity; freedom of expression; academic freedom; civil dialogue; and civic participation within our universities and communities. Learn more at wisconsin.edu/wiccd/.

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