Purpose
The Vice President for Research & Economic Engagement (VPREE) announces a new internal grant program to support research that will investigate and/or mitigate the scientific, social, psychological, economic, educational, technological, or health aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding is intended to better position BGSU faculty to successfully compete for future external grant opportunities related to COVID-19. Upon completion of this 12-month project, recipients of this grant are expected to apply for external funding. Successful projects will be designated to be critical research activities and thus permitted to occur on campus during the governor’s stay-at-home order. However, studies involving human subjects must avoid direct contact between the investigators and their subjects and use remote methods instead.

Award Amount
Awards will be from $5,000 - $10,000 and it is anticipated that 8-12 projects will be funded. These grants will remain active for 12 months and may be used for research-related expenses such as the support of a graduate research assistant, the purchase of research supplies/equipment, faculty summer salary, fringe benefits, research stipends, and participant costs.

Eligibility
All bargaining unit faculty members are eligible to apply for this award. Preference will be given to collaborative teams whose work would be competitive for future external funding.

Applications
The review of applications will begin on Friday, April 24 and continue until all funds are expended. To apply, submit a single spaced 3-5 page proposal which includes:

1. A Specific Aims section that clearly articulates the aims of the work and hypothesis to be tested.
2. A description of the research plan which includes background, significance, and research design sections.
3. A description of external sources of funding that will sustain this work.
4. An estimated budget and justification (contact OSPR for assistance if needed).*
5. Current CV’s of the principal investigators* 

*the budget, budget justification, and CV’s will not count towards the page limit

Submit the required documents attached to an email to ospr@bgsu.edu.