Information from the initial 2020-21 Berkeley Discover proposal process:

Interested departments – or clusters of departments - are invited to submit a pre-proposal by December 11, 2020 at 5pm. Pre-proposals should address the specific questions below and should identify a project lead and a development team that, if selected, will be involved in full-proposal development during the spring term. Pre-proposals will be reviewed by a broad-based committee with a balance between senior leadership and faculty with disciplinary diversity. Teams with successful pre-proposals will be notified in January and will then be supported by Berkeley Discovery staff and campus partners to develop full proposals and detailed budgets via an iterative process. Full proposals will be due in late March 2021 and departmental awards will be announced in May 2021. Proposals that are not funded in the first round may be offered fundraising support for a development phase as additional funds are sought.

What was the pre-proposal format for the 2020-21 Berkeley Discovery RFP?

Pre-proposals must include the following sections and must be three to five pages total (in 11 point Times New Roman font). Pre-proposals do not need to include a specific budget.

1. *Project Title:* The Project Title should identify the participating department(s)
2. *Project Narrative:* The Project Narrative should be comprised of direct answers to the following three questions, with primary emphasis placed on question C:
    1. What are currently the most effective undergraduate Discovery approaches in your department/unit?
    2. What are currently the biggest challenges for scaling Discovery and creating a coherent Discovery Arc in your department/unit?
    3. What key approaches and opportunities might your department/unit leverage to build a Discovery Arc that integrates discovery across the curriculum?

If your department/unit has made prior investments, received prior awards, or developed specific campus or community partnerships for Discovery, feel free to discuss these efforts. However, the pre-proposal is primarily intended to offer an opportunity to articulate a broad vision and strategy for the department.

3. *Project Team:* Pre-proposals should identify one project lead (a faculty member of the Academic Senate) and three to five additional team members that, if selected, will engage in full-proposal development in Spring 2021. In addition to the lead faculty member, project teams should include at least one staff member, two students (ideally one undergraduate and one graduate) and any additional faculty members. For departments applying as a cluster, teams should include representation from all departments and agreement on one project lead. Project teams should be convened with principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion in mind. All development team members will receive a small stipend for participation in the Spring 2021 full-proposal development process.

4. *Letter of Support:* All proposals should include a brief (one page maximum) letter of support from the Department Chair.

Town Halls

We hosted two Town Hall meetings in November to address questions from prospective applicants.