Duquesne University
John G. Rangos Sr. Prize
For Faculty and Students
Guidelines

Through the vision, leadership, and generosity of John G. Rangos Sr., Duquesne University has created an innovative competition to engage students and faculty in shaping the University’s emerging curriculum—consistent with current Strategic Plan goals. Working in teams or as individuals, students and faculty develop proposals for new courses, course materials, pedagogical approaches and academic initiatives. Proposals consider challenges facing new generations of students—Millennials and Generation Z. Their creative solutions can utilize traditional approaches and incorporate communications strategies, such as social media and web-based applications, which are relevant to new generations of students.

(1) General

The Duquesne University John G. Rangos Sr. Awards are administered through a competitive application process comprised of New Applicant and Advancing Applicant tracks. All eligible faculty and students are invited to apply. (In the case of submissions by teams, the team shares a single award.)

During the 2019/20 academic year, proposals will be submitted for one of two funding tracks. Successful applicants will receive access to their funding through an account established in the Office of Research. Prize funds must be used in accordance with University policy. Prize funds are intended to support activity aligned with the prize winner’s proposal.

New Applicant Track: This track is reserved for proposals from applicants who do not currently hold a Rangos prize.

Advancing Applicant Track: Faculty and students who form the 2019 inaugural cohort of Rangos prize winners are invited to submit proposals for the Advancing Applicant track.

A review committee composed of University faculty, staff, and students will evaluate all proposals from eligible New Applicants, submitted before the deadline and in accordance with the application guidelines below. Select New Applicants will be invited to present their ideas at a public forum, where they will be vetted by a panel comprised of faculty, staff, student leaders, community leaders, and a member of the John G. Rangos Sr. family.

For additional information or assistance in completing a proposal, please contact the office of the Associate Provost for Academic Affairs at extension 4525.

(2) Eligibility

Applicants may not hold any other grants, either internal or external, which apply to the same work for which the John G. Rangos Sr. Prize application is intended.

New Applicant Track
During the 2019/20 academic year the New Applicant Track has been expanded to include both student and faculty applicants. Students must be currently enrolled at Duquesne through the 2019/20 and 2020/21 academic years. Undergraduate and graduate students are eligible. Teams of students and/or faculty may apply. However, a winning team application will receive a single prize. Student applicants must secure a project advisor, who must be employed at Duquesne as a full-time faculty or staff member.

Advancing Applicant Track
During the 2019/20 academic year the Advancing Applicant Track is reserved for faculty and students who were awarded the inaugural Rangos prizes in 2019. Eligible student applicants must be currently enrolled at Duquesne or consist of an applicant team that includes a currently enrolled student whose enrollment will remain in effect during the 2019/20 and 2020/21 academic years.
(3) Proposal Guidelines

1. Complete the Application Cover Sheet. For faculty applicants the cover page must be signed by the appropriate Chair or Dean. For student applicants the cover page must also be signed by a full-time faculty or staff member who has agreed to serve as a project advisor. The Application Cover Sheet should identify:
   - Name(s) of the individual(s) participating in the development of the proposal including advisors if appropriate.
   - Group applications must identify an individual project leader.
   - Date submitted
   - Title of the proposal (e.g., new course name, name of new academic material(s), name of new program)

2. Complete the Narrative. Applicants must submit a brief narrative describing the idea they want to pursue under the auspices of the Rangos prize program. The narrative must speak to the following:
   - Include an Executive Summary (300 words or less) which summarizes the project idea and anticipated outcomes
   - Describe the problem or opportunity your idea addresses (200 words)
   - Describe the course, course materials, or new program that responds to this problem or opportunity. (200 words)
   - How is your idea different than existing courses, programs, or resources at Duquesne? How is it innovative? (200 words)
   - Why is this project significant to future generations of students? (150 words)
   - What resources (human, financial, infrastructure) are required to complete the project? (300 words)
   - References or documentation to support proposal (200 words)
   - Are individuals involved in more than one team or project? (Yes/No)

3. Provide a Bio. All applications must include 250 word bio highlighting the applicant’s previous achievements and experience as these are relevant to the development and implementation of the applicant’s proposed idea.

4. Applicants from both tracks who are invited to present their ideas at the spring, 2020 forum can find guidelines for their presentations on the John G. Rangos Sr. Prize web site. The Center for Teaching Excellence will sponsor workshops to assist applicants with the development of their project ideas and the creation of their presentations.

5. All applicants must provide a year-end report which describes their activities and spending. Guidelines are available on the John G. Rangos Sr. Prize web site.

6. It is expected that Year 2 prize winners from both applicant tracks will apply for additional funding during the 2020/21 academic year in order to further advance their ideas. That application cycle will be structured in a manner similar to the Advancing Applicant track outlined above. We anticipate that three prize winners or teams in 2021 will receive $5,000 each to develop and implement their ideas.

(3) Submission Process

Please submit the complete proposal on or before the deadline. Proposals must be submitted electronically. You will receive an automated email that confirms your submission.

(4) About John G. Rangos Sr.

The John G. Rangos Sr. Prizes for Faculty and Students are made possible by a generous gift from John G. Rangos Sr., founder of the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation and the International Orthodox Christian Charities. Former chairman of the Chambers Development Co., former vice chairman of USA Waste Services, and a former fundraising chairman for UNICEF, Mr. Rangos is an innovator in the environmental industry who set the standard for waste receptacles and recycling in America.
A United States veteran of the Korean Conflict, Mr. Rangos was decorated with the National Defense Medal, United Nations Medal and the Korean Campaign Medal and received a Presidential Unit Citation from President Truman and President Sigmund Rhee of South Korea.

After a storied career, Mr. Rangos has chosen to concentrate his efforts and energy on philanthropy. He currently heads the John G. Rangos Sr. Charitable Foundations. The many important initiatives he has funded worldwide include Duquesne University’s Rangos School of Health Sciences and the Anna Rizakus Endowed Chair in Health Science and Ethics at Duquesne, created in honor of his mother. He is a former Duquesne University board member.
JOHN G. RANGOS SR. AWARD
APPLICATION COVER SHEET

PROJECT LEADER: ____________________________  SCHOOL: __________________________

RANK/YEAR: ____________________________  DEPARTMENT: __________________________
(Rank if faculty; year if student)

UNIVERSITY ADDRESS: _________________________________________________________________

UNIVERSITY TELEPHONE: _______________________________________________________________

PROJECT TITLE: _________________________________________________________________

DATE SUBMITTED: ____________________________

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Department Chairperson/Director Signature  Date

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Project Advisor Signature (for student applications only)  Date

TEAM MEMBERS (for group applications only)

NAME: ____________________________  SCHOOL: __________________________
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