Information for Cubes Not Awarded During the first Cubing Event

How to Prepare for the Next Cubing Event (anticipated late January 2019):

To request a cube in January, you will need to ensure that all three faculty collaborators on your team come from units with enough funding to support faculty's tokens. You can find updated information on available token counts on the Status of All Tokens Table on the Mcubed website (You need to login to the website in order to view the table. Then, click the link in the upper right corner of the website.) Keep in mind that units may choose to increase their numbers of faculty tokens by January, so the numbers may change by then. A current summary appears below as well.

Some strategies to consider:

RIGHT NOW--Consider Reconstituting Your Team

Several units have currently reached their limits for funding faculty tokens used in both classic and mini-cubes. (See summary below.) At this time, faculty from these units cannot contribute a token to a cube of any size. If you or one of your faculty collaborators comes from such a unit, you will need to change your team's make-up in order to request a cube in January—unless your unit decides to add more funding before that point (which is possible but not guaranteed).

To reconstitute your team of collaborators: The project creator should login to the Mcubed website, open the project card, and then click the “x” next to the name of the collaborator(s) he/she wishes to remove/replace. The project creator will need to invite a new collaborator(s) whose unit has sufficient funding to join the project. The project creator can then request the cube in January.

To free up your token: If the faculty member who originally created your project comes from a unit that has used up its tokens, that person cannot currently serve as one of the three token-contributing collaborators on the team. Instead, you can form a different trio of faculty members. In this case, you will need to ask the faculty project creator from your previous project to release your token. (See directly above, "To reconstitute your team of collaborators.")

LATER (anticipated late January)—SEEK MINI INSTEAD OF CLASSIC

Some units have currently reached their limits of funded tokens in classic cubes (worth $60K total), but there are still sufficient funds to support tokens in mini cubes (worth $15K total). See summary below. If one of the three faculty collaborators on your team comes from such a unit, when the Mcubed website opens for cube requests in January, you can choose to request a mini-cube instead of a classic cube.
To keep current collaborators on the cube but change the cube size: If the project creator wishes to change the size of the requested cube to a mini-cube, please contact the Mcubed team at mcubedinfo@umich.edu or (734) 763-2453 for assistance. The project owner will then be able to request the cube in January.

Involves faculty as additional collaborators: As is always the case, only a group of three faculty collaborators from units that have remaining funds can request a cube. However, you can still involve faculty from units without remaining funds in your team's work, recognizing such individuals as fourth or fifth collaborators who are contributing their talent and expertise, but not a token. In fact, this practice is quite common, with many cubes involving more faculty members than the three who contribute tokens. (Such individuals can be officially named on the Mcubed website as additional collaborators after a cube has been awarded funding.)

We hope that you will consider trying again, and we are glad to consult with you about your particular situation. Contact us at mcubedinfo@umich.edu or 763-2453.

Summary: Units with Constraints on Faculty Tokens, following 1st Cubing Event

(Reminder: Units will have the opportunity to contribute funds for additional faculty tokens prior to January 2019, though we can't predict whether they will choose to do so.)

*Ann Arbor*
- LSA Natural Sciences – CLOSED
- Architecture and Urban Planning – only mini remaining
- ISR – only mini remaining
- Law—only mini remaining
- Libraries – only mini remaining

*Dearborn*
- LSA Social Sciences – CLOSED
- Engineering – only mini remaining
- LSA Humanities— only mini remaining
- LSA Natural Sciences— only mini remaining
- Public Health – only mini remaining

*Flint*
- LSA Natural Sciences – CLOSED
- School of Music, Theatre, & Dance – CLOSED
- Public Health – CLOSED
- Art & Design – only mini remaining
- Engineering — only mini remaining
- LSA Humanities — only mini remaining
- Medicine – only mini remaining