

# University of Georgia / University of Liverpool Seed Grant / Pump-Priming Grant Program

## Program Description

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As part of the University of Georgia (UGA) / University of Liverpool Partnership, we are providing financial and logistical support for preliminary work toward full-fledged collaborative projects in research and scholarship between the two institutions.

The two institutions are offering seed grants / pump-priming grants to incentivise and catalyse research collaborations between the two institutions and encourage joint applications for ongoing sponsored funding to continue the collaborations.

## Eligibility Criteria

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To be eligible for this competition, UGA and Liverpool faculty members must have initial conversations about the potential collaboration and work together on a *single* short proposal for this seed grant competition.

## Funding

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The funds will involve equal shares from both institutions of amounts up to \$9000 / £5300 total. At UGA, the Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) will provide matching support for department/school/college contributions at a 2:1 ratio (e.g., maximum \$3,000 from OVPR + \$1,500 from unit). Funding for the Liverpool contribution will be provided on a match funding basis between the International Development Office (IDO) and the School or Faculty.

UGA and Liverpool partners should expect to be able to use the budget over two years for videoconferencing, travel and living expenses (faculty, postdoc, student), preliminary data collection, feasibility studies, etc.

## Proposal Content

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The following proposal components must be submitted as a single PDF:

- Cover sheet containing the following information in order:
  - Name, affiliation, email of UGA PI
  - Name, affiliation, email of Liverpool PI
  - Title of collaborative project
  - Budget Contributions Table:

University of Georgia		University of Liverpool	
OVPR	\$	IDO	£
PI's Unit	\$	School or Faculty	£
Total UGA	\$(4500 max)	Total Liverpool	£(2650 max)

- Summary of planned collaborative project for non-expert (1 page max)
- Description of advanced planning so far executed (1/2 page max)
- Expected outcome of seed grant activities (for disciplines with potential funding, be explicit about planned submission to potential sponsors (1/2 page max)

- Budget, following the Faculty Research Grant Budget template found here: <http://research.uga.edu/docs/forms/iga/FRG-Budget-Template.xlsx>
- Letters from UGA unit leader and Liverpool School/Faculty head confirming matching financial support for your effort in this partnership. The level of financial support is described in the Budget section above (1 page max each)

### **Submission Instructions and Deadlines**

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Proposals should be submitted simultaneously to the Liverpool IDO and to the UGA OVPR. Send a single PDF file of the proposal via email by 5:00 pm local time on the next to last Friday of October (in 2014, October 24) to *both* IDO and OVPR.

To submit to the IDO, send to [claire.kidman@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:claire.kidman@liverpool.ac.uk)

To submit to OVPR, send to [ovprip@uga.edu](mailto:ovprip@uga.edu)

### **Evaluation Criteria and Procedures**

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Initial vetting and approval of proposals will be done by committees working independently at each institution. Only those proposals found acceptable by both institutions will be considered by a joint committee making final selections electronically.

The following will be taken into account by the review teams:

- *Quality of the proposal.* The research proposed should have a high degree of novelty in comparison to the broader research context of the area internationally. Research ideas should be high quality and truly innovative.
- *Importance and strategic fit.* The proposal should provide evidence that it contributes to key societal challenges and fits with and complements the wider multidisciplinary research portfolios across the institutions.
- *Teamwork and interdisciplinarity.* The proposal should involve a team of researchers across a range of relevant disciplines and regions where appropriate.
- *International partnership development and sustainability.* The proposal should demonstrate the potential to develop the partnership between Liverpool and UGA further and provide a plan for attracting continuing external funding.

### **Award Conditions**

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The key to this institutional research initiative is that UGA and UOL will each confirm support contingent on support by the other partner institution. When both have confirmed this support, funds will be made available to the partners by their respective institutions.

Grants are expected to have a January 1 start date and are expected to be spent within two years.