

President's Interdisciplinary Seed Grant Program 2019 Call for Proposals

Up to \$1 million will be available to support interdisciplinary teams of UGA faculty, possibly working with external collaborators from other universities, government agencies, or the private sector, who submit compelling proposals to address key aspects of these broad themes. Proposals must describe work that will position teams to be competitive for externally funded multi-investigator and/or multi-institution awards. Proposals may include academic and public service faculty, and both research/outreach components when appropriate.

Funding. Awards may range from \$50,000 to \$150,000 per grant proposal, with actual amounts based on itemized budgets. Funds may be used in any customary way to support research, including for salary/stipend support of key personnel (faculty summer salary capped at two months). However, these funds are not intended to support conferences, external collaborators, or course buyouts. Awarded funds will be available July 1, 2019, and must be expended by Dec. 31, 2020.

Faculty may participate in more than one application in this funding cycle, provided that each application is for a scientifically distinct project. Faculty should NOT submit proposals that EITHER represent the continuation of a project previously funded by the first Presidential Seed Grant Program OR that have significant overlap with a proposal previously funded by the first Presidential Seed Grant Program. Proposals that were reviewed but not funded in the first Presidential Seed Grant Program should not be submitted to this round unless they have been substantially revised.

Notice of Intent. Teams must submit a short Notice of Intent to the Office of Research via the [Notice of Intent Submission Form](#) by March 15, 2019. It should include: proposal title; name and email of the contact PI (for communication with the Office of Research); names/affiliations of all other UGA faculty; and a brief but clear description of the proposal's goals and approaches (3 sentences maximum).

Full proposal: Submit proposals via the [Proposal Submission Form](#) by April 30, 2019. Late proposals will not be considered. Proposals, submitted as a single PDF, should include:

- Project title.
- Identification of the relevant theme.
- Name, affiliation, and email of the contact PI (must be a single individual).
- Name, affiliation, and email of all other co-PIs at UGA or elsewhere.
- For each PI/coPI, a brief paragraph describing their relevant experience and accomplishments. Faculty may participate in more than one proposal.
- Project summary, written in lay terms and not to exceed half a page.
- Work plan (bulk of proposal). What will the team do? Will it build on prior interactions? What are the anticipated outcomes? Be as specific as possible. The work plan should not exceed 5 single-spaced pages with a minimum 11-point font and one inch margins.

- Identification of future external funding opportunities the team intends to pursue (be specific; avoid “such as” or “like”).
- Itemized budget.
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Contact email for questions: alexaspley1@uga.edu

Review: Proposals will be reviewed by a team of UGA faculty and administrators jointly assembled by the Office of Research and the Office of Public Service and Outreach. Review criteria will include: the degree to which the proposal addresses the identified grand challenge; extent of interdisciplinary collaboration; strength of the team and its leadership; specificity with which the team has identified and researched a subsequent external funding target.