

Competition Details

Philanthropic Partners Group Innovator Awards

Dates

Internal Submission Deadline: Wednesday, September 4, 2024

Details

Administrator(s): Bridget Hughes (Owner)
JEREMY FRANKLIN

Category: Intramural Funding

Cycle: 1 year

**Number of Applications
Allowed per Applicant:** 1

Award Range: Up to \$50,000

Description

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Please see RFP on the right of this screen for more details.



University of Utah Health Philanthropic Partners Group: Innovator Awards

Request for Proposals

Deadline for submission of new applications: **Wednesday, September 4 at 11:59PM MST**
Submit application online through [CompetitionSpace](#).

Q&A Sessions held on August 1st, 21nd, and 30th – zoom links can be found at the end of RFP

Overview

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Review Criteria/Selection Process

Proposals will undergo a rigorous review process by an internal review board, who will evaluate each submission based on criteria such as innovation, scholarly merit, potential for impact, feasibility, researchers' ability to explain research to a general audience as demonstrated in the application abstract, and alignment with the goals of high-risk, high-reward research. Selected applicants will be invited to present a short lay overview to the Philanthropic Partners for consideration.

Coaching for the development of Partner presentations will be provided by the Office of the AVP for Research. Applicants must be able to commit to scheduling availability for this coaching and development in Fall 2024. Applicants must also be available to attend a dry run of the meeting on November 4, 2024 between 5pm- 8pm as well as available to present their proposal to the Philanthropic Partners Group meeting on November 11, 2024 between 6pm and 8pm

Applicant Eligibility

- Tenure-line and Career-line faculty at the Assistant/Associate professor level are eligible.
- Only one proposal per principal investigator will be reviewed.
- Faculty must be in-residence at the University of Utah to be considered.
- All applicants must clearly and convincingly demonstrate that the proposed project represents a new research direction. Research that is already supported by other extramural sources is not eligible.
- Awarded PIs must be prepared to start the project by the published start date. If the PI is not prepared to start work on the project by the published start date, the award will be revoked; the PI will be eligible to reapply next year.

Application Instructions

Researchers interested in applying for seed grant funding should submit proposals that include the following information **compiled into one PDF**.

1. **Abstract:** Abstract should consist of an accessible summary of the project and its potential impact to ignite a new program of research. Describe how the project aligns with the goals of high-risk, high-reward research. *This may be shared directly with the Philanthropic Partners group. Please ensure it is written for a general audience and no confidential information is provided.* [1/2 page max]
2. **Specific Aims:** (1 page max)
3. **Research Plan:** Please address significance, innovation, approach, timeline with milestones, and specific deliverables. Include how this project is high-risk/high-reward that addresses critical societal issues and fosters innovation, discovery, and collaboration. (3 page max)
4. **Timeline:** Please include a detailed timeline for the completion of the work in the 1-year project period. Include critical milestones and decision points.
5. **References: (No page limit)**
6. **NIH Biosketch or brief CVs for all investigators (5-page max per investigator).** Please ensure that all of these are tailored to the proposed project
7. **Budget (template provided) with short justification**
 - Note: Grant funds cannot be used for: faculty salaries (summer or academic year); travel that is not directly related to project research (e.g., conferences cannot be supported by this grant), funding to purchase society/group memberships, consultants, or office equipment (including computers), or to pay off previously overspent accounts.
8. **List other places you may have submitted a similar proposal to within the last 2 years.**
9. **Statement that you are available to attend the meeting dry run on November 4, 2024, present at a the Philanthropic Partners Group meeting on November 11, 2024 and at the follow-up meeting (as described below).**

Note:

- The proposed project should not be funded by any other mechanism/research initiative at the time of submission.
- Deadline – Submissions are due at **11:59PM MT, Wednesday, September 4**. Submissions should be complete and uploaded to CompetitionSpace by this deadline. **Consideration will not be**

given for any technical difficulties resulting in late applications. Technical support for application submissions will not be available after 4:00PM MT, Wednesday September 4.

- Applications must be submitted electronically through the University of Utah's CompetitionSpace interface at <http://utah.infoready4.com>.

Post award requirements

- Grant administration is the responsibility of the submitting Principal Investigator.
- Unused funds must be returned to the University of Utah Health Philanthropic Partners Group.
- All awards are expected to begin January 1, 2025 and will expire on December 31, 2025, 12 months after activation of the award. PIs may request a single extension of up to one year, which will be reviewed by the Office of the AVP for Research and the Philanthropic Partners Group. This request must include progress to date, roadblocks encountered, and a plan to avoid similar issues and overcome them to complete the project within this time frame.
- A Final Report will be due to the Office of the AVP for Research within 3 months of the project end-date. Instructions for submitting a final report for FY25 Awards will be supplied. Final reports should include details of proposal submission to any extramural funding agencies.
- Seed grant awardees agree to participate annually in an outcomes tracking survey.
- Seed grant awardees agree to participate in annual spring social (date TBD) with Philanthropic Partners to discuss research progress and outcomes

For questions regarding this RFP, please contact:

Emily Blake, Director of Advancement, Office of the AVP for Research

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Q&A Sessions held via Zoom

Thursday, August 1st 1-2pm

[Zoom link](#) - Meeting ID: 951 4054 5060

Passcode: 503291

Wednesday, August 21st 10-11am

[Zoom link](#) - Meeting ID: 977 8284 6767

Passcode: 646745

Friday August 30th 9-10am

[Zoom link](#) - Meeting ID: 984 8202 9896

Passcode: 122148

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Applicant Name:

Category

Personnel:	Role	Effort (months)	Salary (requested)
Supplies:	Brief Description		Cost (each if applicable)
Miscellaneous expenses:	Brief Description		Cost (each if applicable)
Services:	Brief Description		Cost (each if applicable)

Notes:

Please do NOT fill in shaded boxes.

You may add/delete rows as necessary

Please enter all amounts in whole dollars.

Please add short justification

Subtotals:

Personnel Subtotal:	0
Supplies Subtotal:	0
Miscellaneous Expenses Subtotal:	0
Services Subtotal:	0
TOTAL Funds Requested	0

Benefits (requested) Total	0
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