

START: Supporting Talent for Research Trajectories: A Faculty Seed Grant

Request for Proposals

With support from Research and Economic Development Affairs, the Office of Sponsored Programs announces the second annual seed grant competition, Supporting Talent for Research Trajectories, or START. We request proposals that will stimulate the growth of Dakota State University's research portfolio. This program supports faculty efforts to build research capacity and garner external funding. Funds must support preliminary research efforts leading to at least one confirmed proposal submission for \$50,000 or more.

The START grant focuses support on new faculty, faculty who may be first-time proposal writers, newly formed collaborative research teams, new funding sources, and/or new directions within a given PI's research portfolio. Faculty may be part of one or more START Proposals. Proposals to funders must meet all compliance and assurance requirements, as well as university submission policies and procedures. Awards will be disbursed when proposal submissions have been made through the Office of Sponsored Programs.

Application Window

Review of applications will begin on November 19, 2018. Meritorious applications will then be funded on a first-come, first-served basis while funds remain available.

Eligibility requirements

PIs must be full-time, tenure-track faculty;

Instructors may be named as co-PIs or collaborators on proposals with tenure-track PIs.

Funding limits

Individual PIs may compete for up to \$2000

Collaborative teams may compete for up to \$3000

Allowables will be as flexible as standard fiscal guidelines will permit, but proposals should specify how funds will be used.

Proposal must be targeted to funding solicitations with deadlines, target dates, or submission dates that fall within 12 months after the submission of the PI's START Seed Grant proposal.

Format and Submission Guidelines

3-page limit, inclusive of the following elements:

- Title page including the following: faculty rank, college, contact info, and abstract

- Project description, including detailed work plan and clear timeline

- Budget and justification

- Impact statement detailing external funding mechanisms and their deadlines

Please submit applications to the Office of Sponsored Programs (peter.hoesing@dsu.edu, with a copy to Sarah.Olson@dsu.edu).

Criteria for review

The committee will evaluate proposals for clarity of purpose; feasibility; and strategic importance to the PI, the College, and the University. PIs and teams must demonstrate that this funding will help them make compelling cases to external funders for additional support of their projects and programs. Allowability of indirect costs with those agencies will be among the criteria for committee consideration, but it will not be required for eligibility.