Indiana University Collaborative Research Grants (IUCRG)

Indiana University is pleased to announce a new opportunity to fund Collaborative Research Grants. This opportunity is open to faculty on all Indiana University campuses. Funding decisions will result from a competitive peer review of proposals in response to this call. The Vice President for Research will make the final funding decisions following the board of reviewer's recommendations. The maximum funding per project will be $75,000 but in exceptional cases, when there is a convincing justification, this maximum could be exceeded.

The goals of this competition are to facilitate and support outstanding research and cutting edge discoveries by teams of experts who have not worked together previously in the project’s subject matter. Teams should include experts from different campuses, schools, departments, or disciplines. This opportunity is open to all fields of research and creative work; non-traditional collaborations are especially encouraged. The intent of the research project is to advance a field and in doing so, impact the lives of Indiana residents, the US and the World. The program as a whole is designed to help increase Indiana University’s competitiveness involving innovative and leading edge research; proposals must, therefore, include plans for securing external funding to continue the project. IUCRG recipients are required to submit a proposal for external funding within 18 months from the start of the project. Applicants should make explicit which federal grant agency and the specific RFAs that will be targeted for their grant submission.

IUCRG seed funds are intended to support areas which have the potential to lead to future extramural funding. Also IUCRG intends to fund projects in emerging fields of study, innovative or multidisciplinary research that could increase Indiana University’s research competitiveness and reputation.

Proposals should focus on one or more of the following areas:

I) International studies: integrated approaches to understanding and addressing global social, economic, cultural and political issues
II) Social and behavioral sciences: integrated approaches to issues of local, state, national or international significance
III) Biological, physical and health sciences: integrated approaches to issues in health, health care, or biological and physical sciences
IV) Emerging sciences and technology, especially biological and physical sciences: integrated approaches to compelling issues in physical and natural sciences, technology, engineering and informatics

Subject matter experts will review proposals; there will also be a comprehensive review spanning all fields to establish the balance of funding among disciplines. All proposals should indicate which category or mix of categories from this list of areas best describes the proposed research. Arts and Humanities proposals that do not fit into these categories should be submitted to Indiana University's New Frontiers seed funding program.

Eligibility: All faculty and staff whose appointments allow them to submit external proposals are allowed to apply. A minimum of two faculty members from different campuses or schools, or different disciplines from the same campus must collaborate on the proposed project. Projects must be for NEW areas of research for the investigators, within their areas of expertise, but not a continuation of current research activities.

Submission Deadlines: Grant proposals must be submitted electronically [in Word or PDF format] by the close of business day on November 15, 2010 to Dr. Faith Hawkins, Chief of Staff to the Vice President for Research, iucrp@indiana.edu. Written reviews of declined proposals will not be provided. However,
The number of awards will depend on the total amount of available funds.

**Terms of Awards:** Applicants can request up to $75,000 for one-year Budgets must be justified and consistent with the scope of the proposed project and may not be changed without further review. Applicants must commit to submitting an external funding proposal within 18 months from the start of the award; failure to do so will preclude eligibility for future internal funding programs. Final reports are required detailing the project’s progress including proposals submitted and funding received. IUCRG support should be acknowledged in publications and reports. Recipients of funding in 2011 will participate in an open Workshop in January 2012 where awardees will present project results and detailed plans to pursue external funding. Award notices are expected to go out no later than January 31st, 2011 with funds available February 1st, 2011.

**Budget Restrictions:** Funds may not be used for faculty/administrative salaries or tuition; graduate student stipends may be allowed. Travel to conferences to present project data resulting and related to the funded project is allowed.

**Application Format:** The proposal must include:

- Fully Completed Proposal Cover Page (see attached)
- Project description (12 point font; single spaced, 5 page limit excluding references) comprised of the following:
  - Background and Significance of the larger project
  - Potential impact of the project on the field
  - Mention of related RFAs targeted for grant submission within 18 months
  - Goals of the pilot phase of the project
  - Overview of the Research Plan to accomplish goals
  - Explicit statement of each team member’s role on the project
- Budget, budget justification, and timeline: Explain why IUCRG funding is essential for securing external funding of the project. Please note that budget reasonableness is an important component of the review criterion.
- Biosketch or brief CV (4 pgs. max) for each investigator, showing current and pending support.
- Proposed projects must not overlap with current funding.
- Statement of support from all PI’s Department Chairs and Deans
- If a similar proposal has been reviewed and declined by any external funding agency, the reviews must be included.
- No appendices other than funding agency reviews are allowed.

**Review Criteria:** The proposals will be reviewed by ad hoc panels of subject experts. Final decisions will be made by the Vice President for Research based on reviewers’ comments. Awards will be based on:

- the intrinsic intellectual merit, scope, and potential impact of the project and impact on the research field
- the feasibility of the project the reasonableness of the budget and the probability for external funding
- the collaborative nature of the work [project teams that include researchers from different units or Indiana University campuses will be ranked more highly than those that do not]
- The probability of the larger project securing external funding.

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Principal Investigators:

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Name: ___________________________________________ IU Campus: ________________
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Project Title: ___________________________________________________________________

Area(s) of Focus [as outlined in the RFP]: _________________________________________

Funding Requested: ____________________________

Specific Source(s) of potential external funding: ____________________________________