UO-OHSU Collaborative Seed Grant Frequently Asked Questions

Program Overview

Have the two institutions allocated a specific amount of funding for this initiative?

UO and OHSU have committed up to $250k to this program initially. UO and OHSU are sharing the costs of this program and leadership from both institutions will make all funding and resource allocation decisions jointly.

What types of research are eligible for this opportunity? Can work outside of the natural sciences be included?

Yes, this opportunity is available to support all of the types of research taking place at UO and OHSU. The proposed activities need to be research focused, however (ie., not instructional in nature or purely an outreach activity).

Is the UO-OHSU Collaborative Seed Grant Program going to recur?

Our institutions have committed funds to this program for 1 year. We hope to expand the RFA for future rounds.

Are reviewers expecting an explanation of the scientific rationale for a research project or a description of how the team is going to develop?

Both. We expect to see some scientific rationale and explanation of the intellectual merit of the proposed work. Applicants should also provide justification for the makeup of your team and details of any existing collaborative efforts between team members. Successful applications will have both a significant research question and a description of the team structure.

What else will the review committee be looking for?

We encourage applicants to think beyond their typical collaborations, collaborators, journal outlets and funding agencies. Instead, think creatively about what would move the science/scholarship forward, think big (but include in your submission a clear path to get there, with concrete milestones)

Eligibility

Can an individual be PI on more than one application?

One person cannot serve as PI on more than one application but can be a team member (e.g., co-investigator) for multiple projects.

Can Emeritus faculty members serve as a PI?

Emeritus faculty members at UO cannot serve as PI on proposals to this program. However, they are welcome to participate as co-investigators or in other collaborative roles.

Can we have Co-PIs or Multiple PIs within an institution?

We require that each institution have a single PI. Other individuals can serve as Co-investigators, but only a single contact PI per institution is allowable.

Budget

What are some possible budget items we can include in a proposal?

A non-exhaustive list of allowable expenses includes costs of getting people from both institutions together to meet and plan the research, proposal review activities and gathering preliminary data.

Do we include a total budget or separate budgets by institution?

The budget and justification are a single page of the application. In the justification, please indicate the institution associated with each line item.

Who is the fiscal contact I should list on my proposal?

You should include the contact information for your departmental business manager.

Are PIs required to include their own effort in the budget?

No FTE is required for PIs.

Building your Team

Is there a mechanism for finding collaborators at our partner institution?

We are working on developing some strategies for identifying cross-institution collaborators. We encourage interested faculty to join our new listserve to learn about potential opportunities. Please feel free to contact Research Development Services at each institution and we may be able to help identify collaborators with specific expertise.

Can the team include researchers from other institutions as well?

Members of the team may come from institutions other than UO and OHSU. However, the primary intent of the award is to support work between UO and OHSU, and the funding will be released to those two institutions only.

Do the PIs have to be primarily located on the Eugene campus of UO or the Portland campus of OHSU?

Collaborators physically located on satellite campuses of UO and OHSU are eligible to participate in this program.

Application Specifications

Do references count toward the 3-page application limit?

No, references can be included on a separate page and do not count within the 3-page limit. Numbered or APA-style references are both acceptable.

Are we required to provide an abstract?

Yes, you will need to provide a brief abstract when you submit your proposal through the application portal.