CAES Grants on the Edge


The CAES and the Office of the Vice President for Research announce the availability of funding to aid investigators who have had external research proposals narrowly miss falling within the funding range, which were rejected for lack of sufficient preliminary data or a specific identified weakness that can be addressed. Small grants will be provided to help an investigator strategically improve the proposal’s viability upon resubmission. The funding is available for July 2015 to June 2016 (FY16).

Typical Funding

We anticipate funding grants in the range of $2,000 to 10,000. The faculty member’s home department(s) or institute or center is strongly encouraged (but not required) to contribute 20% of the total final budget. Funding will normally be for just one fiscal year, as this program is being funded on a one-year-at-a-time trial basis while its usefulness is assessed.

Application Format and Requirements

- 12 point font, 1 inch margins
- 1 page - cover/signature page containing proposal title, investigator names and affiliations, investigator e-mail and other contact information, budget total of the initial (rejected) proposal submission, funding agency and program to which the rejected proposal was submitted, signatures of the investigator(s) and department heads or directors.
- 1 page – Cover page from the initial rejected submission.
- 1 page – Project Summary or Abstract from the initial rejected submission.
- Multiple pages - Complete copies of the panel summary and any reviews from the rejected proposal which indicate the need for additional preliminary data or highlight a weakness which could be addressed with some additional funds.
- 2 pages – description of the work proposed as part of the resubmission mini grant and a clear articulation of how it will address the rejected proposal’s shortcomings. Include a description of how the money will be spent, and indicate the anticipated date and agency of proposal resubmission.
- There should also be a sentence identifying potential expert external or internal reviewer or advisor. If the request is funded, the PI will be expected to send the revised proposal to an expert reviewer for comments prior to resubmission. Funds of up to $500 may be included in the budget as honoraria for the proposed advisor/reviewer.
- 1 page – detailed budget page showing projected expenses and departmental or unit contribution. Proposal budgets which are split across two fiscal years must indicate the amount requested in each of the fiscal years.

Rolling Submission

The required pages should be assembled into a single PDF file and submitted to agresch@uga.edu. Proposals are accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis. Investigators may submit at any time, and the proposals will be reviewed as quickly as the staff involved can process them.
Review Process
The proposals will be reviewed by staff from the CAES Associate Deans’ offices and the Office of the Vice President for Research. Other individuals may be consulted as needed.

Reports
6-month report – Six months after funding a one- or two-page progress report should be submitted, including results to date and proposal resubmission plans. Also include the name of the external advisor or reviewer and any comments or suggestions he/she provided. State the UGA proposal ID number for a proposal which has been resubmitted to the external funding agency.

1-year report – One year after funding a one- or two-page progress report should be submitted, including results to date and proposal submission plans or sponsor results/reviews, if known. State the UGA proposal ID number for a proposal which has been resubmitted to the external funding agency.

2-year report – Two years after funding a one- or two-page final report should be submitted, including the fate of the resubmitted proposal and any additional results not shared at the one-year report date. State the UGA proposal ID number for a proposal which has been resubmitted to the external funding agency.

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