

SBU-BNL SEED GRANTS FOR COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH – 2016

January 27, 2016

The SBU-BNL Seed Grant program serves to foster collaborative efforts between scientists at the University and BNL. It is a key opportunity for developing synergistic activities that can grow joint research programs aligned with the strategic plans of both institutions. For this eighteenth year a pool of up to \$300K will be distributed to proposals submitted jointly by SBU and BNL scientists.

The subject of a proposal can be any scientific topic that is of joint interest to BNL and SBU. Proposals should be innovative and exploratory, in line with the seeding character of the program. Successful proposals in areas of high interest to BNL may be eligible for matching funds from BNL.

Winning proposals are typically funded at the level of \$30,000-45,000. At Stony Brook these funds are free from all overhead, and no tuition is charged for graduate students that are supported by a seed grant. The money will be available on or about July 1, 2016, and should be expended within 18 months of award. All awardees will be required to provide a brief (2 pages) progress report after 12 months, and must submit a brief final report (2 pages with references) on the results of the project. Publications and grant submissions that resulted from the project are of particular interest.

The Office of Brookhaven Affairs at SBU will handle proposals and oversee decisions on awards. Recommendations for awards will be made by a committee of SBU and BNL scientific leaders. Proposals should explain the significance of the project to scientists who are not experts in the field, and should clearly lay out a vision for the strategic value of the proposal.

The 2015 Seed Grant campaign funded 5 of 36 submitted proposals. The abstracts of approved grants can be found on the SBU web page by clicking on the Office of Brookhaven Affairs link (right side on portal page), or at <http://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/bnl/opportunities/seed/winners15.html>

The SBU funds are administered by the SBU Research Foundation. If a proposal obtains joint funding from BNL these funds will be administered by the respective ALD office.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS IS 5 PM EST, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2016

The proposal will be reviewed by senior scientific staff from SBU and BNL. Results from the proposal review will be announced in late-May 2016.

Proposals will be judged on the following criteria:

- 1.The scientific innovation and excellence;
- 2.The benefits of the project to the research missions of Stony Brook and BNL;
- 3.The clarity and efficiency of the budget;

4. The opportunities created by the project for attracting follow-up external funding.

Proposal packages:

Proposals must be submitted electronically as a single pdf file and include the following items:

1. 2016 SBU/BNL Seed Grant Program Cover Sheet, which is attached. This coversheet must clearly provide the names and home departments of both collaborative partners, including phone numbers and e-mail addresses.
2. Proposal narrative (no more than 8 pages [exclusive of references], 11-point font, standard margins)
3. CVs of SBU and BNL co-PIs (no more than four pages each), plus a list of additional research participants.
4. Proposal budget (including fringe benefits but no overhead, for the SBU portion of the requested funding) and budget narrative (no more than 2 pages, 11-point font, standard margins). If BNL support is sought, a separate budget should be submitted by the BNL PI.
5. List of current funding held by the PI's (however, such funding does not diminish chances of obtaining a seed grant)
6. A Conflict of Interest Form for the SBU PI must also be submitted if the proposal is awarded funding. The form can be downloaded through the following link:
<http://research.stonybrook.edu/conflict-interest#procedure>

Receipt of proposal will be acknowledged from the Office of Brookhaven Affairs upon submission.

Please e-mail your completed proposal package to Ann Ozelis, Office of Brookhaven Affairs, at Ann.Ozelis@stonybrook.edu. The Conflict of Interest Form, with appropriate signatures, should be e-mailed as signed pdf form or mailed to:

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