



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Seed Grants to Support Temple University Faculty Research Collaborations

Purpose: To foster a robust research environment at Temple University, we are pleased to announce that funding to support seed grants (pilot research projects) is now available. A limited number of one-year grants of up to \$50,000 will be awarded in the 2007–08 academic year. The two research initiatives to be supported by this funding mechanism are:

- I. **Multidisciplinary Research Projects:** The range and scope of collaborations are only limited by the range and scope of our collective intellectual horsepower. *Research may be theoretical and/ or applied and includes the creative arts.* In short, the goal of this RFP area is to bring together faculty with complementary, synergistic research interests by combining physical, natural and social scientists, humanists, artists, and others to work on problems that are becoming increasingly multidisciplinary in nature.
- II. **Clinical Translational Research Projects:** To improve human health, scientific discoveries must be translated into practical applications. Such discoveries typically begin at “the bench” with basic research — in which scientists study disease at a molecular or cellular level — then progress to the clinical level, or the patient's bedside and, where appropriate, to the community. The goal of this RFP area is to catalyze the development of fruitful collaborations among our faculty in the new discipline of clinical and translational science.

Eligibility: The proposed project must involve at least **two faculty members** holding positions **in two different Temple University departments, schools/colleges or campuses.**

In the case of **Clinical Translational Research** proposals, one of the two co-principal investigators must be a clinician and the other must be a non-clinician (e.g. biomedical scientist, physical scientist, social scientist, etc.).

Funding: Budgets up to a maximum of \$50,000 for a term of **one year** will be considered. Grants awarded are not renewable. Funds may be used to support research activities in any form (research materials, equipment, travel, graduate student stipends, etc.). There will be **no indirect costs** associated with grants awarded.

Submission Guidelines: A major goal of this initiative is to solicit applications that will ultimately generate data to facilitate the development of significant grant applications to advance the pilot research plan. Proposals must indicate how this would be accomplished (see cover page). In the case of the creative arts and humanities, investigators should indicate how this award would lay the groundwork for a future program of work. At the end of the funding term, awardees will be required to submit a progress report describing research accomplishments. Guidelines related to these progress reports will be forwarded to funded investigators in the fall of 2008.

The application should outline the exact roles of the co-principal investigators in the project (see cover page). The portion of the proposal describing the project should be no more than five single-spaced pages, including references (not including the cover page and budget information — see below).

Selection Criteria:

1. Demonstrable synergistic interactions between collaborating faculty.
2. Likelihood that the work would continue beyond the grant period.
3. It should be clear in the proposal that without this funding, the work would be performed instead with someone outside of Temple University or not at all.

Selection Process: A committee consisting of selected Temple University faculty will rank all proposals.

Deadline and Submission Process: Applications must be received by **January 15, 2008** and sent electronically to the Office of the Provost at: provost@temple.edu

Announcement of Awards: Award announcements will take place on or about **March 1, 2008**.

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COVER PAGE

1. FACULTY INFORMATION:

The order of co-principal investigators (co-PIs) should be alphabetical.

Co-PI No. 1

Name:
Academic rank:
TU school or college:
Department:
TU address:
Telephone:
Fax:
E-mail address:

Co-PI No. 2

Name:
Academic rank:
TU school or college:
Department:
TU address:
Telephone:
Fax:
E-mail address:

2. FUNDING INITIATIVE TO WHICH YOU ARE RESPONDING:

Select ONE only

____ **Multidisciplinary Research Project Funding**

____ **Clinical Translational Research Project Funding**

3. ROLES OF FACULTY

*Briefly indicate the ways in which each investigator will be involved in the collaboration.
Limit this section to 200 words.*

4. PLAN TO OBTAIN EXTERNAL FUNDING TO CONTINUE PROJECT

Briefly outline how you will use the data obtained from this pilot project to obtain significant external funding and indicate the funding agency/agencies that will be targeted (e.g. NIH, NSF, PEW, NEA Foundations, etc.). Limit this section to 200 words.

BUDGET

(One-page limit)

5. TOTAL FUNDS REQUESTED (indirect costs do not apply): \$_____

6: PROPOSED USE OF FUNDS:

RESEARCH PROPOSAL

Five single-spaced page limit, including any figures, tables and references.