SEEDS: The OARDC Research Enhancement Competitive Grants Program

Fiscal Year 2018
SEEDS awards are intended to accomplish the following objectives:

- Enhance and encourage creative and innovative research
- Increase the competitiveness of scientists in extramural grant programs
- Encourage partnerships with industry and other stakeholders
- Encourage the development of interdisciplinary teams
- Encourage international collaborations
• All CFAES researchers with PI status, except adjuncts
• Faculty in EHE, Biological Sciences and Vet Medicine can serve on a grant as investigator if the primary investigator has a CFAES or OARDC appointment.
READ THE RFP CAREFULLY!
Competitions

Seed

Seed – Early Career

Seed – Team Science

Partnership

Seed Early Career Investigators

$50,000 maximum

• New or innovative research
• To generate preliminary data

PIs must be untenured, regular faculty or hold appointments as research faculty, professional practice faculty, research scientists or postdocs in CFAES & be employed for less than six years.
Competitions

Seed – Early Career

Seed – Team Science

Partnership

Seed
Team Science
$80,000 maximum

- New or innovative research
- New scholarly teams
- Integrate social, biological and physical sciences
- Mentoring partnerships

Teams of two or more investigators
COMPETITIONS

Competition

Partnership
$25,000 maximum

- Collaboration with industry, nonprofits or community partners
- Strong commitment from partner
- Strategy for future funding

1:1 financial match is required.

Competitions

Seed – Early Career

Seed – Team Science

Partnership
Compétitions

Partnership

$25,000 maximum

NEW

A contractual relationship will need to be established (after award) with the partner and OSP
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Proposal Requirements

- Cover Page
- Table of Contents
- Project Narrative
- References
- Budget
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- Matching Funds (Partnership)
- Collaborative Arrangements
- Strategy for Future Funding
- Discovery Themes
  - Health & Wellness
  - Food Security & Production
  - Energy & Environment
- Previous SEEDS funding
- Curriculum Vitae
- Current and Pending
- List of Potential Reviewers
- Resubmission response
Deadlines

Seed & Partnership: October 11, 2017

Partnership Round 2: February 28, 2018

Submit online
5:00 pm. deadline on due date

NO EXCEPTIONS!

- Administrative Review
- External & Panel Reviews
- Panel Meetings
Why Proposals Might Not Be Funded:

- Poorly written, hard to understand, lacks organization
- Fishing expedition
- Research is not novel or new direction for investigator
- Proposal objectives do not fit the SEEDS program
- Hypothesis is not clear
- Resubmission overload
- No plans for future funding or next steps
- No timeline for activities
- Overly ambitious
- Budget is all/mostly salary or capital equipment
- Continuing funding/bridging other grants
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