2020 Research Seed Program

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Our Strategic Alignment

1. **External Research Opportunity**
   - Evaluation Criteria - Opportunity ID

2. **Seed Funding**
   - Preliminary Research and Data

3. **Research Development Programming**

4. **External Proposal Support**

5. **External Proposal Submissions**
   - Required

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**OFFICE OF RESEARCH & ENGAGEMENT**
Past Seed Competitions

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# Timeline

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Program Goals

**Collaborative Humanities Research Seed** – Positively impact our local, state, regional, and global communities; support for groups of two or more tenured or tenure-track faculty in the humanities and humanistic social sciences

**Community-Engaged Research Seed** – Engage with the local, regional, state, or global community; stimulate new collaborations; and build a foundation for more stable and sustainable research funding

**Expanding Horizons Seed** – Year-long program for recently tenured faculty members to pursue new convergent research; includes monthly presentations/discussions, mentorship, capacity-building activities, and seed funding

**Interdisciplinary Seed** – Special emphasis on UT’s 10 research strengths and on collaborations between UT Knoxville and UT Institute of Agriculture investigators
## Collaborative Humanities Research Seed

### Award
- Up to $30,000 ($24,000 ORE + $6,000 cost share)
- 80/20 split between ORE and College/Department
- 1 year

### Eligibility
- Tenure and Track Faculty (UT/UTIA/UTSI) or special permission from ORE

### ORE Program Alignment
- See solicitation: [utk.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1795650](http://utk.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1795650)

### Evaluation
- Internal evaluators
- External funding strategy
- Research innovation and differentiators
- Merit and significance
- Feasibility and approach

### Deliverables
- One proposal submission based on research
- Identification of suitable external funding programs
- Mid-term and final report
Community-Engaged Research Seed

**Award**
- Up to $15,000 ($12,000 ORE + $3,000 cost share)
- 80/20 split between ORE and College/Department
- 1 year

**Eligibility**
- Tenure and Tenure Track Faculty (UT/UTIA/UTSI) or special permission from ORE
- Both single- and multiple-investigator projects allowed

**ORE Program Alignment**
- See solicitation: utk.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1795660

**Evaluation**
- Internal evaluators
- External funding strategy
- Research innovation and differentiators
- Merit and significance
- Feasibility and approach

**Deliverables**
- One external proposal submission based on research
- Identification of new potential external sponsors
- Mid-term and final report
Expanding Horizons Seed

**Award**
- Amount: Up to $50,000 ($40,000 ORE + $10,000 cost share)
- 80/20 Split between ORE and College/Department
- 1 year

**Eligibility**
- Tenure and Tenure Track Faculty (UT/UTIA/UTSI) or special permission from ORE
- Have a considerable track record of research and scholarly work appropriate for their discipline

**ORE Program Alignment**
- See solicitation: [utk.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1795657](http://utk.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1795657)

**Evaluation**
- Internal evaluators
- Merit and significance
- Interest
- Potential

**Deliverables**
- One external proposal submission based on research, to be defined during Spring 2020 semester
- Mid-term and final report
Interdisciplinary Seed

**Award**
- Amount for 1 year: $70,000 ($56,000 ORE + $14,000 cost share)
- Amount for 2 years: $125,000 ($100,000 ORE + $25,000 cost share)
- 80/20 Split between ORE and College/Department

**Eligibility**
- Tenure and Tenure Track Faculty (UT/UTIA/UTSI or special permission from ORE)
- Must have a minimum of two PI’s each from a different discipline and department

**ORE Program Alignment**
- Emphasis on research strengths areas and UTK/UTIA collaboration
- See solicitation: utk.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1795647

**Evaluation**
- Internal evaluators
- External funding strategy
- Research innovation and differentiators
- Merit and significance
- Feasibility and approach

**Deliverables**
- One proposal submission based on research
- Identification of new potential external sponsors
- Mid-term and final report
Help! Which One Should I Choose?

Want to apply to the ACLS Collaborative Research Fellowship Program or NEH Collaborative Research Grant Program? Collaborative Humanities Seed.

Are you an Associate Prof who has a big idea but hasn’t figured out how all the pieces fit together? Expanding Horizons.

Have a clear, specific project that you want to on that involves community partners? Community Engaged Research.

Have a clear, specific project that you want to work on with someone from another dept? Interdisciplinary.

Email AVCRD@utk.edu if you need help deciding.
10 Tips for Preparing a Winning Seed Proposal

1. Decide if and why you want to apply.
2. Fully develop your project concept before you start writing.
3. Write clearly and concisely.
4. Write for a multidisciplinary review committee.
5. Dedicate more space to explaining what you plan to do than convincing the reviewer that it’s the greatest innovation since sliced bread.
10 Tip for Preparing a Winning Seed Proposal

6. Have a very specific external funding target.
7. Include feedback from the program officer. (That means contact them now!)
8. Demonstrate expertise in the subject matter (some leeway for Expanding Horizons).
9. Demonstrate success with external funding.
10. Talk to your department head and ADR about your intentions to submit.
Thank You and Questions

research.utk.edu/seed-funding-catalyzes-research/

For more information or questions, please send email to AVCRD@utk.edu