

Invitation to Submit Proposals for 2019 MSU Research Expansion Funds

Call for Proposals

To enable growth of our research base, we seek innovative proposals that reflect the best ideas of faculty across the campus. The proposals will provide the foundation for campus research strategies and priorities in FY 2019 and beyond. A subset of proposals will be funded; all will be prioritized for focused fundraising efforts from federal, state and/or private sources, in conjunction with the Office of the Vice President of Research and Economic Development. Please note that this is your opportunity to help determine the University's future research initiatives.

Eligibility and Funding Level

All research and tenure-track faculty of Montana State University are eligible and encouraged to apply. Funding level is up to \$100,000 for one year, with a second-year negotiable pending progress as described in the proposal.

Proposal Format

A three-page proposal (with 11-point font and one-inch margins) should include the following:

1. Scope/background of research proposed (up to one half page)
2. Specific aims/objectives/goals (up to one half page)
3. Methods/approach (up to one half page)
4. Expected outcomes (up to one half page)
5. Anticipated contribution to growth of research at MSU (up to one page)

Additional Documents Required

1. Cover page indicating project title, principal investigator(s) (multiple PIs encouraged, but not required), and department, center, or institute affiliations
2. Two-page biographical sketch/CV of principal investigator(s)
3. Proposed budget and budget justification (personnel, supplies, equipment*, travel*) **equipment and travel should be well-justified*
4. Matching funds, if available, and source (with appropriate authorizing signature[s])
5. One page or less, of references cited

Proposals will be evaluated based on innovation, feasibility, scientific/academic merit, expected outcomes, ability to generate funding from federal, state, and/or private sources and anticipated impact with a strong focus on potential to contribute to the growth of the MSU research enterprise. Those proposals that do not follow the format outlined above will not be reviewed.

Principal Investigators of the highest ranked proposals will be notified in May and invited to give a 15-minute presentation of the project to the Research Proposal Review Committee (RPRC). The RPRC will be convened by the Vice President of Research and will represent broad research expertise across MSU. Recommendations for funding will be prioritized and applicants will be notified by mid-June 2018.

Please submit your proposal electronically to the Office of Sponsored Programs by **April 30, 2018** via the ePCF (electronic proposal clearance form). Choose **full proposal** and “MSU Vice President for Research (MONVIC001)” as the agency to which you are submitting. Please use program code **VPRED Expansion Funds**. Form and instructions can be found at <http://www.montana.edu/research/osp/>.

For questions pertaining to proposal formatting, budget, or other technical matters, please consult with your OSP fiscal manager. To determine the contact for your department, please visit the following link:

<http://www.montana.edu/research/osp/aboutus/OSPFiscalManagers.pdf>.

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