

April 1, 2009

[Important revisions added on April 10, 2009]

Call for Proposals to Support Development of Interdisciplinary Research/Creativity Proposals

MSU strongly supports the development of new interdisciplinary research and creative activities, including the submission of new research proposals that address interdisciplinary themes posted by NSF, NIH, DOE, and other funding agencies. Given the complexity of competitive proposals in collaborative interdisciplinary areas, funding is available to help facilitate efforts to develop and prepare interdisciplinary research proposals submitted through MSU.

Deadlines: In 2009, there will be two deadlines for receiving applications requesting support for the development of interdisciplinary research proposals: June 1, 2009 and November 16, 2009.

Proposal Review and Notification of Decision: Proposals will be reviewed by a three-person committee consisting of Provost Dave Dooley, Vice President for Research Tom McCoy, and Director of Interdisciplinary Research Initiatives Cathy Whitlock. PIs will be notified two weeks after the submission deadline of the decision to fund or decline to fund the proposal.

Proposal format (limit of four pages, 11 point font):

- Completed Proposal Clearance Form
- Project Title
- Title of RFP, RFA, or other agency solicitation that the developed proposal responds to
- P.I.s and co-PI's (including signature of PI)
- List of all faculty including home department who will be participating in the interdisciplinary research project.
- Project Summary: Maximum one-half page that describes the research to be conducted.
- Project Narrative:
 - Project Description (statement of objectives, approach, significance, and broader impacts). This section should include a description of the interdisciplinary goals and objectives and opportunities to build interdisciplinary research and education capacity at MSU.
 - Description of the team, including proposed leadership.
 - Major budget elements of the proposal; however, specific budget amounts are not expected.
- Budget request to MSU for proposal development and submission (up to \$7,500): Items that can be funded include:
 - Summer salary
 - Course buy-out
 - Travel to interact with participants at other institutions
 - Administration costs (budget planning, photocopying, etc.)
 - Preparation costs (e.g., data compilation, table and figure preparation, literature searches)
 - A 4% administrative fee must be included in the budget. (Thus, the maximum grant of \$7500 would consist of \$7211 in direct costs and \$289 in administrative fee).
- Proposals Appendices are not allowed.

Required Outcome: Award of these funds must result in submission of a competitive proposal that addresses the requirements of specified proposal solicitations.

Submit proposals electronically to research@montana.edu or as a hard copy to Audrey Thurlow or Sandy Sward in OSP. Five copies of paper submission are required.

Direct questions to Cathy Whitlock (whitlock@montana.edu).