



Research/Creative Activity Seed Grant Program

Deadline: August 23, 2024, 5:00 p.m. Central

Overview: The Research/Creative Activity Seed Grant Program provides intramural grant support ranging from \$5,000 to \$30,000 for projects demonstrating innovation in **either**:

- The collection of preliminary data that will be leveraged for extramural grant applications; **OR**
- The development of an innovative creative work/performance.

There will be *only one* Seed Grant competition in AY 24-25. Projects must be initiated no later than October 1, 2024, and activities and expenditures must be completed by August 31, 2025.* The total amount of program funding is subject to availability.

Applicant Eligibility: Eligible applicants include only tenure-line faculty, including faculty in institutes and libraries. Intramural collaborations will be considered. Applicants must not have been awarded any support via the Texas Comprehensive Research Fund (TCRF) after September 1, 2022.

Evaluation Criteria: Proposals must exhibit strong potential for leveraging extramural funding. PIs/PDs must commit to **either** submitting at least one external proposal based on the pilot project **or** a creative project/performance with a firm date of delivery. Applicants will be required to document their outcomes in their final reports. Additionally, all applicants agree to serve as peer reviewers for applications in one 2024 – 2025 intramural competition, if asked by Research Development.

All applicants must demonstrate that the proposed project represents an innovative research/creative direction. Research that is already supported by other sources is not eligible for Seed Grant funding. Proposals pending, or previously reviewed and declined by an extramural agency will not be considered. However, creative activities may use Seed Grant funds to leverage existing/pending external support.

Unallowable Costs: Seed Grant funds cannot be used for travel, memberships, consultants, research instrumentation, with the exception of customary costs for developing and delivering creative projects, assuming adequate justification is provided.

Note: All funded PIs/PDs must agree to meet bimonthly with Research Development staff for brief activity and financial progress reports. Additionally, a final report will be due to the Research Development office and the awardees' colleges within 60 days of the project's end date. Investigators

with outstanding final reports are not eligible for additional funding from the division of Research and Innovation.

* Requests with project periods beyond August 31, 2025, must be discussed prior to submission with Dr. Janet Donaldson (janet.donaldson@tamucc.edu).

Questions may be directed to researchdevelopment@tamucc.edu.