

2011-2012 Intercampus Grants Program Program Guidelines

University of Wisconsin-Madison Chancellor Carolyn “Biddy” Martin and UW-Milwaukee Interim Chancellor Michael R. Lovell are pleased to announce the 2011-2012 UW-Madison/UW-Milwaukee Intercampus Research Incentive Grants Program, an initiative to support research projects and promote partnerships undertaken jointly at the two campuses.

Proposal Development and Structure

The universities encourage faculty and academic staff to initiate projects that will lead to productive intercampus interactions and promote partnerships in many areas, including water technology, energy, sustainability, advanced manufacturing, health care, biomedical engineering, K-12 education, social sciences, public health and the humanities. Successful grant proposals should lay the groundwork for future federal or state grant submissions, or funding from private foundations.

Investigators may wish to focus on a problem within a single discipline or collaborate with the intention of implementing a cross-disciplinary project (leveraging strengths from the physical sciences, engineering, humanities, the arts, and social sciences). The project should be defined in such a way that its potential for extramural support is apparent, including specific plans to seek significant external funding for on-going collaboration. All proposals should be structured so that they reflect the engagement of investigators from the two institutions. Both new collaborations as well as further development of existing collaborations will be considered.

The lead principal investigator (PI) should prepare the proposal and budget in keeping with the practices of his/her institution. At least 25% of the budget must be for activities at the partner institution, and will be set up as a separate project/account at that institution.

Funding

Budgets with a recommended maximum of \$50,000 (combined Madison and Milwaukee costs) for the fiscal year term of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 will be considered. Overhead costs should not be included, but fringe benefits costs and tuition remission should be included in the requested budget as appropriate. Funding levels for successful proposals will depend on the budget request, the reviewers’ evaluation of budgetary need, and the ranking of the proposal.

Submission Guidelines

1. The application should explain the roles of the PI and other investigators in the project.
2. The proposal should be no more than three (3) pages single-spaced plus a one-page budget including justification and a table indicating the breakdown of the requested budget between the two institutions. The proposal document should be headed with a short (50 word) summary statement. One additional page of references may be provided.
3. In addition to the proposal, a CV of no more than two pages for each PI should be included. Please complete a cover sheet (<http://www.uwmresearchfoundation.org/Madison-Milwaukee-Incentive-Grants.aspx>) and include at front of proposal.
4. Faculty and academic staff may submit proposals; any investigator may be lead PI on only one proposal.

Selection Criteria

1. Demonstrable synergistic interactions between the two institutions.
2. Likelihood that the work would continue beyond the grant period and result in future outside funding.
3. It should be clear in the proposal that without this funding the work would not be performed.
4. Focus in key project areas, including water/energy, health care, advanced manufacturing, biomedical engineering, K-12 education, social sciences and the humanities.
5. Quality of the proposed work.

Selection Process

Reviewers will consider the quality of the proposal together with the demonstrated records of scholarly achievements and promise. Senior faculty will be judged on their scholarly activities, junior faculty on the promise of their individual research programs and the role they will play in the collaboration.

The chancellors shall designate deans, faculty and foundation staff to serve on the selection committee. The selection committee shall make recommendations to the chancellors who will make the final selections. Note that review panel members will be drawn from multiple disciplines so proposals should be geared to researchers who are not subject matter experts. We anticipate funding 8 projects.

Deadline and Proposal Submission Address

Applications must be received by Monday, April 4, 2011, and should be sent as a single pdf to both of the following email addresses: icgrants@provost.wisc.edu and icgrants@lists.uwmfdn.org . You should receive a confirmation within one business day; if you do not receive a confirmation, you should contact Sheila Voss (608-890-3275) or Brian Thompson (414-229-3397).

Successful applicants will be notified in May of projects to begin July 1, 2011. A final report will be required at the end of the funded project.