

Multidisciplinary/Multi-Institutional Seed Funding

The Office of Research is pleased to announce that it will fund once again this year a few team proposals that have (a) an innovative multidisciplinary research thrust, (b) a definitive plan for attracting new research dollars, and (c) an involvement of faculty researchers from multiple backgrounds and colleges. Please see the below for program detail. This one-time seed research funding will be available for the period January 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010. The total budget for a faculty team may not exceed \$100K. Those who were funded through ODUOR 2008-2009 multidisciplinary seed funding may not apply for this funding.

Proposals describing the projects must be submitted electronically to upongphu@odu.edu or mkarim@odu.edu by no later than 5 PM, **Friday, October 30, 2009**.

REQUEST FOR WHITE PAPER One-Time Multidisciplinary Seed Funding for 2009-2010

In an effort to support and promote the growth of multidisciplinary multi-investigator sponsored programs at Old Dominion University, the Office of Research invites members of ODU faculty to submit proposals detailing their ideas for such research. The work may begin as early as January 1, 2010 and will need to be completed by June 30, 2010. The goal of this initiative is to provide seed funding for projects that (a) will involve areas relevant to institutional research priority; (b) are multidisciplinary and can produce immediate impact; and (c) build thematic teams with serious prospects to attract additional and new research dollars. We particularly encourage collaborations across multiple ODU colleges.

Those who have been funded by previous ODUOR multidisciplinary awards may not serve as PI or co-PI on subsequent proposals; however, they may serve as an unpaid consultant.

The proposal should consist of a narrative plan (not to exceed 5 pages) including:

- a. Description of the Multidisciplinary Problem.
- b. Targets that will be accomplished during this phase and subsequently.
- c. A Statement as to how this project could help the proposing team attract new or additional research dollars
- d. The target agency and program, or other funder. The rationale for choosing this funding mechanism for the proposed project. A justification of why it is appropriate to apply for intramural seed funding rather than apply to the target agency now.
- e. Description of any interactions with the target agency or other funder to date, either through previously funded projects or discussions about the project at hand. Prior to discussing potential intellectual property with any company, please discuss with Zohir Handy (zhandy@odu.edu).
- f. How this project will bring together investigators from multiple units, departments, and/or centers, and additional resources.

- g. A time line for this seed project to be completed by June 30, 2010.
- h. A tentative 6 month budget that must not exceed \$100K (anticipated average award: \$80,000). Include budget justifications. PIs are encouraged to discuss the budget with chairs and deans. If department and/or college will provide some support, this should be stated.
- i. If the proposed project includes a collaboration with any institution other than ODU the project team must consult Mr. Zohir Handy (zhandy@odu.edu) in order to develop an intellectual property agreement. A copy of this agreement should be included in the proposal if possible. The agreement must be in place prior to beginning the project.

The proposal is due by no later than 5 PM, **Friday, October 30, 2009**. Please send an electronic version of the proposal to mkarim@odu.edu or upongphu@odu.edu. The Office of Research may ask for additional information as well as seek budget adjustments before making final decisions by November 30, 2009.

Stipulations

Each team is expected to provide a written report, make an oral presentation, and follow up with an aggressive plan to attract external grants.