



2017 Stimulus Research Program

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Stimulus Research Program Objectives

Fund projects with **strong scientific bases** to solve complex problems through collaboration

- ✓ **Increase the research capacity** of investigators and their institutions
- ✓ **Increase research collaboration** and inclusion among colleges and universities
- ✓ Position collaborative teams to **pursue large-scale national funding** for research

Proposing Teams

- ✓ Must be a **collaboration of two SC CRUs and two PUIs** including HBCUs
- ✓ Must **demonstrate potential to attract major research** funding to SC

SC EPSCoR/IDeA Program will facilitate collaboration team meetings for team building upon request

Award Information

- ✓ Estimated Number of Awards – **4**
- ✓ Award Duration – **2 Years**
- ✓ Total Anticipated Funding Amount - **\$1,200,000**
- ✓ Maximum Funding Amount Per Award - **\$300,000**



Eligibility and Deadlines

- ✓ The Lead **PI must be a faculty member** from any of South Carolina colleges and universities
- ✓ **A PI can only serve on one proposal**
- ✓ **Letter of Intent Due – Monday, May 15, 2017**
- ✓ **Full Proposal Due – Friday, September 1, 2017**

Letter of Intent (LOI)

The LOI will help SC EPSCoR/IDeA office plan its activities and identify potential external reviewers

- ✓ A LOI is **required to compete**
- ✓ Must be **submitted by the PI** who plans to lead the research effort
- ✓ **No LOI means proposals will not be considered or reviewed**
- ✓ LOI is **not binding** to the PI

Full Proposal Content

- 1. Cover Sheet**
- 2. Project Summary**
- 3. List of Collaborators**
- 4. Project Description**
- 5. Collaboration, Inclusion, Mentoring, and Sustainability Plan**
- 6. Plans to Increase Research Capabilities and Competitiveness**



Full Proposal Content

- 7. References Cited**
- 8. Biographical Sketches**
- 9. Budget and Budget Justification**
- 10. Cost-Share Letter of Commitment**
- 11. Facilities, Equipment, and Other Resources**

Project Description

- ✓ Objectives of the proposed work and relevance
- ✓ Prior relevant research including research conducted by team members
- ✓ General research plan of work
- ✓ Use of human subjects (if applicable)
- ✓ Use of vertebrate animals (if applicable)



Collaboration, Inclusion, Mentoring and Sustainability Plan

- ✓ How will the proposed partnerships and **collaborations** lead to achieving project goals?
- ✓ What is the strategy to include opportunities for **early career faculty and students**?
- ✓ What is the strategy to **expand diversity**?
- ✓ What is the plan for **data management and sharing** of products of research?
- ✓ What is the plan to **evaluate progress**?



Plan to Increase Research Capabilities and Competitiveness

- ✓ What is the plan to **increase research capabilities and competitiveness** of institutions and individuals involved?
- ✓ What are the targets and opportunities for future **center and large-scale funding**?
- ✓ What is the **plan to submit research proposals** to funding agencies?

Cost-Share Requirement

- ✓ A commitment of at least **15% release time** for the lead PI for the duration of the project is required for Project Management
- ✓ A **letter of commitment** from the PI's institution is required
- ✓ Letter should clearly **identify the responsibilities** from which the PI will be released from



Budget

- ✓ Not to exceed \$300,000 (\$150,000 per year)
- ✓ Cost-share is required
- ✓ Indirect costs are not allowed

Budget

- ✓ Salaries and Fringe Benefits (**not to exceed 30%** of requested funds per project year)
- ✓ Materials and Supplies
- ✓ Domestic Travel Support
- ✓ Publication Costs
- ✓ Animal Costs
- ✓ Human Subjects' Incentives

Proposal Review Process

Proposals will be **evaluated by external reviewers**

- ✓ Significance, scientific and technical merit, and potential impact of the research
- ✓ Clear, concise description of the opportunity to SC and the need for funding to enable the team to compete for long-term/center-type funding
- ✓ Plan of activities that are clearly tied to objectives



Proposal Review Process

- ✓ Potential for broader impacts and the increase of diversity
- ✓ Potential for success to attract centers/large-scale grants
- ✓ Reasonableness of budget request and explanation
- ✓ The Lead PI and research team will be required to present to the External Review Panel
- ✓ Recommendations by the external reviewers will be used to make awards



Award and Reporting Requirements

- ✓ PIs will receive notice of award/declination via email
- ✓ Award will be made to the Lead PI's institution or organization
- ✓ Research teams will be required to attend and present research progress at SC EPSCoR/IDeA State Conferences

Award and Reporting Requirements

- ✓ **Publications** resulting from SRP must include an **acknowledgement** of the support and a **disclaimer**.
- ✓ **Progress reports are due every six months**
- ✓ SC EPSCoR/IDeA reserves the right to conduct **site visits** during the project period for evaluation and reporting purposes
- ✓ **A final report will be due no later than 60 days** after the end of the award



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