

University Research Award

The awards provide seed money on a competitive basis for innovative research projects, when sufficiently developed, are likely to attract external support. Applications for planning grants are also encouraged.

An award of up to \$37,500 will be made as a match to funds committed by the applicant's home school (or applicants' home schools) for a **total of \$75,000**. The school(s) responsible for the match is/are part of the initial review process. Approval at that level implies a commitment to provide the matching funds if the proposal is awarded.

Proposals are invited once a year, during the fall semester with a winter deadline, for projects starting no earlier than the following July 1.

Scope: Projects may cover any disciplinary areas represented within the University.

Review Criteria: Proposals will be rated by a review committee appointed by the SVP for Research using the following criteria:

1. Please evaluate the project's intellectual merit (i.e., the potential to advance knowledge).
2. Is the project well-designed and feasible, given the resources already available and the budget and time requested?
3. Does the project clearly show how outcomes lead to external funding?

Term: Projects should normally be completed with a year but when necessary may seek support over a two year period.

Award Amounts: Applications may request up to \$37,500 as a match to funds committed by the applicant's (or applicants' home schools) home school for a **maximum request of \$75,000**.

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Eligibility: Proposals should originate from one or more faculty members who are eligible to be Principal Investigators on grants (see Principal Investigator Eligibility Policy found at http://www.rochester.edu/ORPA/assets/pdf/policy_pieligib.pdf).

An application may be submitted by a UR faculty member (as the first-named, Lead Investigator) for a collaboration with faculty outside of the University of Rochester, as long as matching funds can be guaranteed from the US institution(s) in which non-UR faculty member(s) hold their primary appointment(s). International collaborations also may be entertained with the same criteria, some of which may be in-kind support, if demonstrated before the submission review.

Post Award Follow-Up: Within three months of the end of the funding period, the faculty involved should submit a written final report or other durable product.

Applications: The full application is self-explanatory, can be found here <http://www.rochester.edu/research/university-research-awards.html>, and must include:

1. A completed coversheet.
2. An abstract, no more than 350 words, **written for the educated non-specialist**.
3. A description of the proposal that explains what you intend to do, why it would be important to scholars and/or society generally, and how the research will attract external financial support.
4. A curriculum vitae (or biosketch) for each investigator working on the project.
5. An itemized budget, with justification. Funds may be requested for graduate or undergraduate student stipends, for salary for assistants, for postdoctoral scholars, and/or technical staff. Summer salary support for faculty on 9 month appointments may be requested to the extent that it replaces salary that would be foregone (e.g., from summer teaching).
6. Information about other support available to, or sought by, the applicant. This should identify amounts, sources, and periods of support, and should briefly describe the purpose of the support.
7. If research involves human subjects, animals, biohazards, or otherwise raises regulatory issues, the application should identify those concerns and provide documentation that they will be addressed. If IRB, UCAR, or EH&S approval is required, it may be sought *after the project has been approved* but must be in place before the project can start.

Submission: Proposal should be submitted by **February 3, 2020-late submissions and or revisions will not be accepted**. The complete proposal should be sent electronically as a single PDF document to the Faculty Outreach Coordinator (below).

Review and Award statement: Proposals will be evaluated by a review committee, consisting of a representative group of faculty from all University schools who cross major subject areas. The review committee will advise the SVP for Research who makes final award decisions and will request brief letter(s) of support from the school dean(s) confirming matching funds by the school(s). Selected applicants may be asked to present their research project to the Executive Research Committee prior to the final award decisions, which will be announced mid-May. Recipients of this award [are required to peer review](#) future University Research Award proposals.

Questions: Should you have any questions with respect to this RFP, please contact Adele Coelho, Faculty Outreach Coordinator, at adele.coelho@rochester.edu or at 585-273-2571.