UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI MINI GRANT PROGRAM FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY AND INTERCAMPUS RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS CALL FOR PROPOSALS

OBJECTIVE: This program is intended to increase interdisciplinary and intercampus (IDIC) research collaborations to leverage the intellectual capital and resources at the four University of Missouri campuses.

DESCRIPTION: Faculty are invited to submit short proposals requesting funding to seed the development of:

- Proposals to be submitted to federal agencies for establishing centers, such as the NSF Science and Technology Center;
- Research clusters to address the current 21st Century Grand Challenges [http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/ostp/grand-challenges]; or
- Other high impact research addressing significant national problems/priorities

Proposals must involve faculty from at least two UM campuses and from at least two different disciplines. Each campus may request up to $50,000 in a proposal; therefore, the maximum funding requested will be $200,000 if all four campuses are collaborating in a proposed study. Faculty may use their networks to identify collaborators on and this program is limited only to the four University of Missouri campuses.

A faculty member shall be named a principal investigator (PI) or co-principal investigator (co-PI) on only one (1) proposal in this competition. If a faculty member is named as a PI or co-PI in more than one proposal, then all proposals involving that faculty member will be returned without review and not considered for funding in this competition.

BUDGET: The funding shall be used to support undergraduate students, graduate students or post-doctoral fellows, materials and supplies, and travel between University of Missouri campuses and to research sites.

The IDIC research program will NOT provide certain types of support. These include:

- academic or summer salaries for faculty on 9 or 11-month appointments (includes ranked, non-tenure track faculty whose title includes the word Professor)
- student tuition or fees
- graduate research assistantship appointments for greater than 50 percent time
- stipends for graduate students not enrolled at the University during the academic year
• attend conferences
• book publication subventions for non-refereed or commercial presses
• computer time or data ports on University computers
• dissertation preparation costs (copying, typing, binding)
• construction and remodeling of facilities, equipment maintenance costs
• professional dues/memberships/subscriptions
• secretarial support
• general departmental supplies

These examples are intended to be illustrative, not all-inclusive. Applicants are encouraged to present and justify only their most critical needs, recognizing that resources are limited in relation to the needs for research support.

FUNDING: A total of up to $1M will be awarded with each campus receiving up to $250K. It is anticipated that 5 to 10 proposals will be funded.

REVIEW CRITERIA: An internal panel consisting of the four research officers and the UM Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, who will serve as the chair, will review and select the proposals to be funded using the following criteria:

1. Novelty of the proposed research.
2. Merit of proposed approach.
3. Potential for follow-on extramural support.
4. Extent to which the collaboration is new.
5. Plan to sustain the collaboration beyond the one-year IDIC seed funding.

Note that a target has not been set for the number of proposals to be awarded in each of the three categories stated in the Description section. Proposals selected for funding will be based on their merit per the stated review criteria.

TIMELINE:

Proposals Due: Friday, May 1, 2015

Award Notification: Tuesday, June 30, 2015

Award Period of Performance: August 1, 2015-August 31, 2016