

Presidential Initiative on Water and Sustainability

The University of Idaho led by President Green's office, is in the early stages of establishing a University-wide **Sustainability Initiative**. The goal of the initiative is to foster new research and collaborative activity in sustainability, broadly defined, and to begin the process of defining the portfolio of sustainability research occurring within the University of Idaho. This initial effort will begin to define the portfolio related to research on water, water resources and sustainability. To do this, we invite proposals to further the development of research, scholarly, and creative activities across all disciplines that pertain to this focus area.

This opportunity will provide funding to bring together teams of faculty members to work collaboratively on issues related to water and sustainability. The funding should be used to acquire necessary data or complete other activities necessary to support the development of one or more competitive, collaborative proposals. While a specific collaborative proposal need not be identified at the time of submitting the proposal, the expectation is that an external proposal will be one of the outcomes of receiving this funding.

There are no restrictions on the scope or types of activities that can be proposed. We are most interested in project ideas that will allow meaningful work that contributes to developing new research opportunities within the area of water and sustainability, results in new collaborations related to water and sustainability, or increases visibility of the university in water and sustainability.

ELIGIBILITY AND RESTRICTIONS

- The lead PI must be a full-time faculty member at the University of Idaho (at any location).
- Co-PIs can be academic faculty, research faculty, post-doctoral fellows or PhD students.
- Approximately \$40,000 is available for this initiative and it is anticipated that between 2-6 proposal requests will be funded.
- Awards will be made for a period of **12 months**, beginning July 1, 2020.
- The lead PI will also coordinate efforts to develop and submit an external collaborative proposal within 12 months of the award end date (June 30, 2021).

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Proposals are due to ORED by 5:00 pm PT on Friday, June 12, 2020. The entire application package should be combined into a single PDF and sent to vpresearch@uidaho.edu with the term **Presidential Sustainability Initiative** in the subject line.

INSTRUCTIONS

Use single spacing, one-inch margins, and a font size of 12 pt. Do not include extra materials. The literature cited section is to be included within the three-page narrative. Proposals that do not follow these guidelines will be returned without review.

PROPOSAL COMPONENTS

- 1) **Cover Sheet (1 page):** Complete the cover sheet.
- 2) **Narrative (3 page maximum, including citations):** Please provide the following information:
 - Project overview and objective.
 - Description of the expected outcomes as they pertain to the field of water and sustainability.
 - Description of outcomes/products produced during the proposed funding activities.
 - Description of how the funding will advance a coherent sustainability program that will be expected to enhance research competitiveness.
- 4) **Budget Template:** Complete the budget template. Funds may be used for salary, travel, student support, equipment, and supplies.
- 5) **Equipment Quote:** Include if requesting equipment.

EVALUATION

Applicants are strongly encouraged to write for a non-technical audience. The Interim VP for Research and Economic Development will make the final funding decisions.

AWARD CONDITIONS

Awards are made for a period of 12 months. ORED's Fiscal Operations unit will notify the PI and their departmental grant administrators when their award index has been set up. Funds must be spent in accordance with the proposed budget. Deviations from the proposed budget plan or scope of work must be **requested** via email to ORED-FISCALOPS@uidaho.edu with clear justification. Funds remaining at the end of the 12-month award period will be returned to ORED.

- The PI will lead the development of an external collaborative proposal within 18 months of the award end date.
- All purchases must be made within the award period.
- All equipment purchases, upgrades, repairs, or improvements vest with the University of Idaho.
- Ownership of any and all **intellectual property** created through the use of these funds shall be determined as defined in *UI Faculty Staff Handbook 5300*.
- If the proposed project involves regulated activities (*e.g.*, **Human Subjects, Animals, Biohazards, Drones**), the PI will need to produce the appropriate assurances before a grant is awarded.

DELIVERABLES

Two reports are required following the end of the award period: 1) a *project close-out report*, describing any publications, presentations, grant submissions, and student involvement that were enabled by the award, which is due within 30 days after the funding ends; and 2) a *final report* detailing further publications, presentations, proposal submissions, and other research and/or creative activities enabled by the award, which is due 12 months following the close-out of the award.

For questions and to request application materials, contact: IWRRI@uidaho.edu