16TH YOUNG SCHOLARS INTERDISCIPLINARY FORUM
Wednesday, April 11, 2018

SEED FUNDING CRITERIA AND SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

OVERVIEW

The Young Scholars Interdisciplinary Forum (YSIF) is requesting proposals from current Fox School faculty and PhD students for seed funding grants to undertake novel research projects. Funding is available to encourage and support early-stages interdisciplinary collaborative research.

Typical seed funding amounts will range from $500 - $5,000. Smaller or larger funding requests will be considered based on the particular needs of the project. The Young Scholars Interdisciplinary Forum proposal groups should aim to facilitate research projects that span departments both within and outside of the Fox School. Funding amounts are based on the particular needs of the research, as well as the proposal group’s plans for seeking additional funding sources – both from within Temple University and from outside sources. Future plans for conference presentations or submissions to specific journals will also be considered.

Consistent with the purpose of the school-wide interdisciplinary forum for Young Scholars, the seed funding aims to facilitate interdisciplinary collaborative research projects that span several disciplines within and outside of the Fox School. Please note, not all proposal submissions are eligible to participate in the Young Scholars Forum.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

All proposal submissions should be sent via email to Lauren Murawski, Event Coordinator (L.Murawski@temple.edu) by Friday, March 16th at 12:00pm. At least one member of the research team must be able to present the proposal on April 11th at the Young Scholars Interdisciplinary Forum.

Proposal submissions should explain how the project builds on the applicants’ previous research work, seeks to extend their research into new directions, and intends to enhance professional development.

Each proposal submission must include the following:

- Proposal of at least one page in length
- A research project title
- Names and affiliations of all authors
- A CV for each of the authors
- An abstract
- Results from previous Young Scholars support
• Broader Impact
  • Broader impact in this context is defined as the potential for your research to benefit society and contribute to the achievement of specific, desired societal outcomes. Broader impact criterion promotes societally relevant outcomes beyond scientific knowledge. This impact may be accomplished through: the research itself, activities directly related to your specific research project, or activities supported by, but complementary to the project.
• A budget for the requested seed funding that includes the following:
  • Specific plans for seeking additional funding both from within Temple University and outside sources
  • A description of where the funds will be allocated
  • Future plans for conference presentations or submissions to specific journals
• Specification of which faculty member to whom the awarded funds should be deposited

Please note: A student or faculty member may submit more than one proposal for different research projects, but student or faculty member are not permitted to present twice during the forum.

Proposal submissions from teams seeking medium to large grants from external funding sources (such as Knight Foundation, NSF, DOE) will be eligible for large YSIF seed-funding grants in the amounts of $5,000 to $10,000. Include the following information if you are submitting a proposal for a large YSIF seed-funding grant:
  • Specify a funding program(s) you wish to apply for within a year or less.
  • Include the proposal groups' application for outside grant funding program(s), background information and requirements of the outside grant.
  • Provide clear documentation and a specific proposal budget including how the YSIF seed funding grant will be used to support the major grant proposal.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Selection is based on the following criteria:
• The ability of the research to engage several disciplines within and outside of the Fox School
• The probability that the research will result in important findings that could be published in prominent journals
• The feasibility to attract additional support from other funding sources
• The potential of the project and the ability of the applicant team to undertake the research

ADDITIONAL SEED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The Office of Research, Doctoral Programs, and Strategic Initiatives has established an internal Seed Funding Program to complement interdisciplinary research partnerships with faculty and students with the expectation that this initial funding will result in the development of future externally-funded research programs. Funded projects must make use of large data sets and operate at the intersection of data, business science, and technology.