Request for College of Engineering Funding Support for Large, Multidisciplinary Proposals and Site Visits

The instructions below are for awards that would have a broad impact on the college and/or involve multiple departments. Typically (exceptions are possible), these awards would generate at least $1 million of UC Davis College of Engineering research expenditures (total direct plus indirect costs) per year, excluding cost sharing. For other awards, please see "Support for Single Investigator Proposals and/or Proposals that Involve One Department."

The goal of this funding support is to enhance the success of College of Engineering faculty in securing large, multidisciplinary grants. Center-type awards will increase our college's research expenditures, bring more visibility to our college and its faculty, and provide outstanding, collaborative research experiences for our students.

In order to facilitate our faculty's success, the College of Engineering (CoE) will provide financial support to assist its faculty in the submission of large, multidisciplinary proposals and in the preparation for site visits. This financial support can be used to hire UC Davis staff and/or external consultants to assist PIs. Financial support could also include travel expenses to visit program managers and/or for co-PI travel to UC Davis.

Proposal support funds will be retained in the dean's office and used to pay expenses submitted by the PI to the CoE. Financial support will not be provided to conduct research. To be eligible to receive this support, the PI of the proposal must be a UC Davis CoE faculty member.

Applications seeking this support should include the following items.

1. A cover page that includes PI and co-PI names and affiliations, the award being sought (with URL if available), funding agency, and submission/site visit deadline/date and timeline.

2. A two to five page white paper including a description of the proposal objectives and research/education plan, differentiated expertise of team members, and a summary of the proposal budget.

3. A budget for the proposal support funds that are being sought. The budget can include proposal consultants, technical writers, graphic designers and proofreaders, and other personnel support. The Executive Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies can facilitate the selection and hiring of such individuals.

4. Plans for leveraging support from the UC Davis Office of Research Interdisciplinary Research Support (IRS) unit.

5. A letter from the PI's department chair confirming time release for the PI to work on the proposal/site visit.

The Executive Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies will review applications (with input from other selected engineering faculty/staff) on a rolling basis. Proposals that include Assistant Professors and/or Lectures with Potential for Security of Employment as a PI or co-PI will be given high priority for support. Approved applications will receive support as long as program funds are available.

Submission of requests for this funding support or questions related to this funding support should be directed to Professor Jean VanderGheynst, Executive Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies, College of Engineering (jsvander@ucdavis.edu).

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