

The College of Science Venture Fund

Goals and Purpose:

The College of Science Venture Fund awards money to researchers within the College for the purpose of helping to develop new research directions, conduct proof-of-concept projects, or utilize emerging technologies. The award is given annually and typically is for a total of \$10,000, but it can exceed this amount for exceptional projects. These funds are restricted to purchasing a new piece of equipment or instrument, or expanding the utility of existing instruments and equipment. This award is to provide funding that would not be available from the usual sources. Salaries and the purchase of consumable supplies are not eligible for consideration.

Selection Criteria:

Applications will be accepted from undergraduates, graduate students, and faculty. To qualify, faculty must have a majority of their appointment (>0.5 FTE) within the College of Science. Research projects proposed by graduate students and undergraduates are to be conducted under the direction of a College of Science faculty member.

Proposals will be judged primarily on the basis of scientific merit and potential impact on future funding and research direction. Reviewers also will take into consideration the quality and significance of the proposed research, the potential to produce scientifically significant and novel findings, the potential to have broad impacts on OSU research programs, and the degree of creativity and use of emerging technologies.

Financial need: this award is intended to provide funding that would not normally be available from other usual sources.

Application: Limited to three pages and the following topics:

- 1) Research Proposal. Description of the research problem, proposed research, and significance of the expected results.
- 2) Impact. Description of the broader scientific and non-scientific impacts of the award, if funded.
- 3) Budget and budget justification. Description of how the award will be spent, and justification for using funds from this award and other sources of funding.
- 4) Biographical sketch. One page CV.

Proposals will be evaluated by an ad hoc Venture Fund Review Panel, which typically is composed of 3 or 4 senior researchers. The Dean of the College of Science will make the final decision based on recommendations from the review panel and their assessment of scientific merit and selection criteria.

Submission:

Submit proposal as a PDF file to Frank Moore at mooref@science.oregonstate.edu

Deadline: January 15, 2007