

Overview

CLAS has a strong interest in promoting and supporting faculty who apply for major grants in all areas of scholarship represented in the college. When proposals are declined, faculty members are often told by reviewers or the agency that more preliminary results would strengthen the proposal. In many cases, however, they do not have the funds to carry out this preliminary research. The purpose of this CLAS program is to provide funding to faculty members who do not have the resources to obtain preliminary results *in response to reviews of a declined research proposal*. Note that this program is *not appropriate* for faculty members who have recently received *large* startup packages or other support to build a research program.

Eligibility

Tenure-track and tenured faculty can apply for this support. Faculty members who have recently received startup funds or other support to carry out preliminary studies, as judged by the college, are not eligible. Such startup or support funds would typically be sufficient to equip a laboratory and hire graduate assistants /postdoctoral associates.

Applicants must have submitted a proposal to an agency for major funding (total budget of at least \$100,000) that was declined. The declined proposal and reviews are required for the application package. There must be a strong indication that additional preliminary work will enhance the chances for funding of the proposal upon resubmission. It is expected that the proposals will be resubmitted to the agency and will incorporate the results of the supported preliminary research.

Applicants who have been seeking major funding for the first time will receive the strongest preference in the review. Applicants who have not had major grant funding, startup funds, or other significant university support in the *previous three years* will also be a priority for support. Potential applicants who have typically had major extramural funding and recently (within the last year) had a renewal proposal declined are not eligible for this competition but should contact their chairs regarding the availability of “bridge funding.” If you are uncertain about eligibility contact Alan Dorsey (atdorsey@ufl.edu) for more clarification.

Application Process

The following should be provided prior to the announced deadline:

- (1) Application form (PSG Application Form.pdf) including endorsement by chair and the budget for the proposed study (\$15,000 maximum)
- (2) A summary of the proposed research that explains how reviewers’ criticisms will be satisfied by the study and a brief justification for each item in the budget (max 2 pages single-spaced)
- (3) A complete copy of the original submitted proposal, the agency letter or email declining the grant, and all reviewers’ comments
- (4) CV including all past grant and UF funding and publications list

- (5) A brief letter from the chair outlining startup funds provided , any ongoing departmental or college research support , and the dates of that support

Proposals should be submitted as a single PDF file to Alan Dorsey (atdorsey@ufl.edu).

Total Funding

The college plans to support approximately ten grants in this program for 2009-2010. No indirect return to the PI, center, or department is associated with this funding. Up to \$6000 can be budgeted for faculty summer salary + fringe. Awards may be lower than the requested amount. PSG funds must be spent within one year of the award.

Chair's Responsibility

In addition to the brief letter for each applicant as described above, the chair should rank proposals if multiple proposals are submitted from the department. This ranking can be sent to Alan Dorsey (atdorsey@ufl.edu) by the announced deadline. Chairs may wish to request pre-submission to their office prior to the college deadline in order to allow time for rankings and assembling information for the letters.

Deadlines

The deadline for all materials is 4:00PM, Monday, November 9th. Please send all materials as a single pdf to Alan Dorsey (atdorsey@ufl.edu); to expedite handling and processing, include "PSG 2009 <last name>" in the subject line.