Advancing Water Research Capabilities at the University of Michigan
Issued: October 1, 2015
Closing date: 5pm Monday, October 26, 2015

Call for Applications

The U-M Water Center is soliciting brief applications requesting funds to enhance water research capabilities on campus. We will entertain proposals to enhance capabilities including support for activities and/or equipment purchase that will further water research on campus. Applications must demonstrate how the activity/equipment will increase U-M competitiveness, especially in response to major calls for proposals.

Requests up to $20,000 will be considered.

Examples of relevant activities include surveys to inform and set up future work, short courses or workshops that provide opportunities to learn new analytical skills or research techniques, testing new methods, collecting data to fill a significant gap, or exploratory research or analysis necessary to strengthen competitiveness for external call for proposals.

Funds may be used to purchase equipment that will advance current or planned water research on campus. For equipment purchases over $5,000, a supplier quote is required. See below for specific requirements.

Applications from all disciplines are encouraged. While not required, applications that leverage external or unit funds will be viewed favorably.

The deadline for applications is 5pm Monday, October 26, 2015 and funds must be expended by February 15, 2016. There will be no opportunity for no-cost extensions. Requests will be reviewed on a competitive basis. Decisions are expected by November 20, 2015.

Eligibility
This call is open to U-M faculty and researchers who are able to serve as Principal Investigators, as described at http://orsp.umich.edu/principal-investigator-pi.

The funding call is limited to one application per Principal Investigator.
To Apply
Applications must be submitted at [http://graham.umich.edu/application-request/33903](http://graham.umich.edu/application-request/33903) by 5pm Monday, October 26, 2015. If related and totaling $20,000 or less, an activity and equipment purchase may be included in a single application. Applicants should use the form located at the link above to respond to the following:

1. Briefly and clearly describe the equipment purchase/activity for which you are requesting funds. (up to 500 words)
2. Describe how the equipment purchase/activity will increase your competitiveness, especially in response to major calls for proposals. (up to 500 words)
3. In bullet form, provide a timeline for completing the equipment purchase/activity before February 15, 2016.
4. Provide a justification for the amount requested in standard budget categories: salary/fringes, travel, equipment over $5,000, supplies (including equipment less than $5,000), meeting space, hosting. For equipment purchases over $5,000, you must demonstrate a competitive price by providing multiple quotes, or provide a sole source justification. Indirect charges are not allowed on these funds.
5. Provide an administrative contact with contact information.

Review Process
Applications will be reviewed by non-conflicted senior researchers on campus with diverse expertise and demonstrated experience implementing research programs. Reviewers will rate applications based on the degree to which they are responsive to the following, weighted criteria:

1) The equipment and/or activity will increase U-M competitiveness, especially in response to major calls for proposals. (50%)
2) The equipment purchase/activity is feasible within the given time period. Deadline of February 15, 2015. (25%)
3) The equipment purchase/activity is feasible given the amount of funds requested. (25%)

Reviewers will also be asked to provide an overall assessment of each application, responding “yes” or “no” to the following question: Do you recommend this application for funding?

Please direct any questions via email to Maeghan Brass ([maebrass@umich.edu](mailto:maebrass@umich.edu)).