



Faculty Seed Grant Program Call for Proposals

2020 Grant Cycle

February 28, 2020: Proposals due

March 16, 2020: Award announcements

Project Reports: Due by September 11, 2020

Funding expenditure: Funding will be available in April and will be focused on work done in summer 2020.

Purpose and Scope

The purpose of the Stetson University Institute for Water and Environmental Resilience Faculty Seed Grant (FSG) Program is to support faculty-led pilot projects that align with the Institute's

four focus areas:

- Florida Springs
- Coastal Ecology and Conservation
- Climate Adaptation
- Sustainability Management

Projects may encompass formal research, public outreach or service learning projects based in the natural sciences, social sciences, education, humanities, arts, business, or law that promote solutions to challenges associated with the four focal areas.

Priority will be given to projects that include one or more of the following:

- Have high potential for ongoing funding through external sources
- Are collaborative or interdisciplinary
- Involve external partners from other educational institutions or organizations
- Involve Stetson students, younger students, or community education

Proposed projects may vary in scope, with funding amounts ranging from \$5000 to \$7500. Up to \$45,000 will be distributed across all projects.

Please note that student travel to conferences is low priority since students can apply for other funding through the Dean's office and IWER to support conference travel. Funding for mileage and park entrance fees is also low priority.

Selection Process

A Faculty Seed Grant (FSG) Awards subcommittee of the Institute for Water and Environmental Resilience Faculty Steering Committee will review proposals. The FSG Awards Subcommittee will include representatives from most of the university's Colleges, Schools, and CAS Divisions.

The proposals will be assessed on the following criteria:

- significance and potential impact of the project for addressing challenges within the IWER Focus Areas
- clarity and feasibility of the project plan, timeline, and outcomes
- degree of innovation in the proposed work and expected outcome(s)
- scope of collaborations and relevance of collaborator expertise to the goals of the proposal
- likelihood that future expansion of the proposed project could attract external support, or likelihood that the proposed project outcomes will be disseminated broadly to diverse audiences.

Project Proposals Should Include:

1. Proposal Cover sheet (attached)
2. Project background and significance, including how the proposed research fits with one or more of the Focus Areas of the Institute for Water and Environmental Resilience
3. Project methods and work plan, including timeline
4. Expected project outcomes (or deliverables) and anticipated next phases, including potential future sources of external funding or plans for broader dissemination.
5. Detailed budget (1 page maximum)
6. Evidence of initiation of IACUC and IRB approval process, if necessary
7. Principal Investigator and research team members, including titles and departmental affiliations, and description of what each person will accomplish, including specific details on how he/she is critical to the project
8. Curriculum Vitae (CV) of the Principal Investigator

Additional Guidelines:

- Faculty stipends for summer work should be standardized using the model of a half-stipend for Summer Research Grants: \$2,500
- Student support is provided at \$10/hr. for up to 100 hours, or \$1,000.
- Specific equipment requests should be explained in detail and in terms that can be understood by colleagues from a wide range of disciplines. The proposal should state clearly that the university and which specific department will own the equipment, and how the equipment will be used in future studies or classes.

Maximum proposal length (sections 1-4 above) is **2,000 words** excluding cover page (see template on next page) and sections 5-8 above. Include the name of the Principal Investigator and page number in a header at top right of each page.

Proposals are due February 28, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. Submit by emailing all proposal sections as a single pdf to Shelley Gentile at sgentile@stetson.edu

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We encourage you to also consider the opportunities that program offers!*



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Faculty Seed Grant Proposal Cover Sheet

IWER Focus Area:

Proposal Title:

Stetson University Principal Investigator(s):

Stetson University College or School/Department:

Contact information: Phone: Email:

Co-Investigator(s) and Professional Affiliation(s) (Institution/Department):

Abstract (150 words):