Clemson University Industry Pilot Project Program
CALL FOR PROPOSALS

SUMMARY

Under the Clemson University Industry Pilot Project Program, for the first two (2) sponsored projects to be funded by a for-profit company for an eligible applicant and approved by the Clemson University Industry Pilot Project Program review committee, indirect costs (Facilities and Administrative (F&A) Costs) will not be applied, and tuition remission (Graduate Assistant Differential (GAD)) will be waived. The budget for a project must be no more than $50,000 in total direct costs, exclusive of GAD, to be paid by the for-profit company sponsor and the project term must be no longer than one (1) year.

ELIGIBILITY

Tenured, tenure-track, or research faculty at Clemson University who have not had a sponsored project funded by a for-profit company in the current and three (3) immediately preceding fiscal years at Clemson are eligible to submit proposals to this program. Any such tenured, tenure-track, or research faculty who have an ownership, equity, or other financial interest in a for-profit company are <u>not</u> eligible to submit proposals to this program for a project funded by that company.

Emeritus, adjunct, staff, and visiting faculty, as well as postdocs, are not eligible to lead projects but may be included in research teams.

Past recipients of R-Initiative funding who did not comply with the terms of funding are ineligible.

AWARD REQUIREMENTS

The Industry Pilot Project Program will provide the support defined below for a maximum of two (2) sponsored projects to be funded by a for-profit company for an eligible applicant. For projects approved by the review committee for this support, indirect costs (Facilities and Administrative Costs (F&A)) will not be applied and tuition remission (Graduate Assistant Differential (GAD)) will be waived. The project budget for a project must be no more than $50,000 in total direct costs, exclusive of GAD, to be paid by the for-profit company sponsor and the project term must be no longer than one (1) year.

For clarification, an eligible applicant may submit proposals for two (2) projects to be funded by the same for-profit company or different for-profit companies. A maximum of two (2) projects may be awarded to any eligible applicant under this program. An award for one sponsored project does not disqualify an otherwise eligible applicant from receiving this award for a second sponsored project.

The following policies are applicable:
- An ultimate goal for applicants for the Industry Pilot Project Program should be a longer term sponsored project funded by the for-profit company sponsoring the project or funded by a federal agency, state government, or non-profit entity that requires collaboration with the for-profit company sponsoring the project. A "sponsored project" means an externally funded

project requiring a proposal and budget to be routed for internal approvals and an award agreement executed by the University. A sponsored project does not include a student course, including Creative Inquiry and capstone/senior design courses, or fee-for-service activities.
- The requested total budget should be appropriate for the proposed project. The use of funds to travel both domestic and international as part of the proposed work must have sufficient justification and budgetary details. Expenditure of project funds must follow State procurement guidelines and must be spent for the purposes identified in the proposal.
- A Co-PI can be a non-Clemson researcher, but no financial support other than travel expense reimbursement will be provided outside of Clemson University.
- Priority consideration is given to faculty who may not have large start-up packages and/or significant financial research support and resources.
- Researchers may be required to present annually on the progress of their project. This may occur at the annual Division of Research Symposium or a similar event.
- Should R-Initiative funding result in publication(s), PIs must acknowledge the impact of R-Initiative funding. For example, "This project was funded in part by Clemson University's R-Initiative Program."
- For any award approved under this program, the for-profit sponsor will be required to accept Clemson's standard Industry Sponsored Project Agreement terms and conditions.

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

The proposal must be written in a clear and concise manner for a general audience. Avoid the use of jargon. Proposals that are not in compliance with the following requirements and instructions may be returned without review.

The proposal should be submitted as a single PDF file labeled Industry Pilot Project Program_Project Title with the following ordered sections:

A. Cover Sheet
The cover page must include a clear and concise title (Industry Pilot Project Program: Project Title). The names and appointments of the PI and Co-PIs should be listed, along with their department affiliations. Include center affiliations if applicable. Name, address, and contact person, including name and email address, for the for-profit sponsor should also be provided.

B. Project Description (three-page limit – format this section using 12-pt. Times New Roman font, single line spacing, one-inch margins, and 8 ½ x 11-inch paper size)
- Team Goals
  Describe short-term and long-term goals of the project team for industry sponsored activities. Include information regarding past relationships with companies, if any.
- Summary of Project Scope
  Briefly describe project objectives, use of the funds, expected outcomes, and timeline. Include a description of any Clemson background intellectual property or intellectual property that any project personnel created outside of Clemson that may relate to the project. Include any other information for the committee's consideration.
- Potential Impact

Describe the impact of the project for the project team members' research and scholarship endeavors and how the project will further enhance the mission and reputation of Clemson University.

C. Budget and Justification
Provide requested budget in table format and a statement justifying each expense. For the internal budget routed through InfoEd, do not include F&A or GAD and include a statement that the project is being submitted to the Industry Pilot Project Program for review.

D. Biographical Sketches [2-page NSF or NIH format]
Submit **2-page** biosketches in NSF **or** NIH format for PI and Co-PI(s).

E. Proposal Being Submitted to For-Profit Sponsor

SUBMISSION PROCEDURES AND DEADLINE

All proposal documents, including electronic signatures, must have completed InfoEd routing and be submitted to the Clemson InfoReady Research Portal (https://clemson.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1915683). *PIs will contact their OSP Support Centers as they would normally do for an external submission.* Applicants will receive confirmation that the submission has been received and the submission will be routed to the review committee for evaluation. The proposal will be evaluated within thirty (30) business days of receipt. Proposals for this Industry Pilot Project Program will be accepted at any time but must be submitted by the applicant at least ninety (90) business days prior to the anticipated start date of the sponsored project. An Industry Pilot Project Program award is contingent upon the sponsored project being awarded by the for-profit sponsor.

REVIEW PROCESS AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

A review committee will evaluate the proposals and make award recommendations to the Senior Vice President for Research, Scholarship and Creative Endeavors. The review committee may consult with external subject matter experts as needed.

Evaluation Criteria:
- ✓ Potential for significant impact to advance industry-university relationships
- ✓ Proposal demonstrates a clear purpose to advance sponsored project activities with a for-profit company
- ✓ Feasibility of the proposed project and its significance
- ✓ Potential for significant impact aligning with Clemson's strategic innovation clusters
- ✓ If applicable, current funding and sources for proposed project

DELIVERABLES

Awardees must submit a final report within thirty (30) days after the term of the award via the Clemson InfoReady Research Portal (https://clemson.infoready4.com/) and include a discussion of what was accomplished and how the project has or will contribute to the applicant's future research and scholarship plans with a for-profit company.

RESEARCH COMPLIANCE

All applications selected for award must have received all required approvals from the Office of Research Compliance before the award can be activated.

QUESTIONS

Questions should be directed to JoAnna Floyd at cuic@clemson.edu, or 864-656-3989, in the Division of Research.