

2012 UN Foundation Grant Program

The University of Nebraska Foundation will make funds available to support UNMC research programs. This year, at the request of President Milliken, funds will be directed toward planning grants for global engagement projects as well as equipment grants. Funds available to UNMC total about \$250,000. Proposals and Budget forms will be due to [Paula Turpen](#) by **February 23**.

Planning Grants for Global Engagement Projects

Three planning grants will be funded at no more than \$30,000 each. Proposals should not be more than 2 pages and should include the following information:

Page 1:

- Describe the project including ultimate goal of the project.
- Name the collaborator(s), and/or institution, country.
- Does UNMC currently have a memorandum of understanding (MOU) or other arrangement with the institution (yes or no)?
- Provide a rationale for working with this partner including a brief history of any work done with or links to this collaborator / institution. Have proposed collaborators previously visited each other's institutions? What other UNMC or University of Nebraska collaborations with the partner institution or team exist?
- What type of research will be done: animal research, human studies including human tissues or biologic specimens, infectious agents that require biosafety oversight?
- Will the project require transport of biological samples in either direction? (yes/no)
- Indicate any particular challenges that have been identified and describe how they will be addressed.
- How will the project lead to publications, external funding, or support your research program goals?
- How does the project link to UNMC strategic priorities?

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- Provide a budget and budget justification. Allowable expenses include international travel to the country or for the collaborator to come to UNMC in order to collect preliminary research data. Only temporary infrastructure for the collaborator is allowed. Permanent infrastructure development and permanent salary for UNMC staff or collaborating partner are not allowed.

Equipment Grants

In an effort to tie into campus goals and support strategic priorities, requests for equipment proposals from Core Facilities and Principal Investigators of large grant programs will be given priority. Approximately \$150,000 will be available for equipment grants. Acquisition of substantial pieces of equipment is possible, especially if matching internal funds are identified. Proposals should not be more than 3 pages and must include:

Page 1:

- Scientific description; what will the equipment be used for? How will the equipment benefit ongoing research program(s); what will the equipment allow you to do that you cannot do now?

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- Provide a **lay** summary for those without scientific training, that describes the equipment function / purpose and benefit to ongoing research programs.

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- Who will oversee this equipment, what technical expertise is available to run the equipment?
- What is the financial plan to support the equipment?
- Name the prospective users and give their department affiliation.
- Where will the equipment be located? (building, room number)
- If renovations are required to site the equipment, provide a cost estimate and source of funds.

Attach:

- Equipment description (sales brochure) with price quote

Equipment Proposals will be selected and ranked internally on the basis of:

- potential to advance 21st-century biomedical research;
- number of researchers with NIH or equivalent funding who stand to benefit;
- productivity of those researchers based upon their current total extramural research support; and
- ability of the applicants to demonstrate that the technology either is not present on campus or that the equipment currently on site is no longer serviceable.