

**Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA):
UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO- Seed Grant Program**



Application Posted:	July 28, 2026
Due Date:	September 22, 2026
Scientific Merit Review:	October 3, 2026
Earliest Start Date:	January 1, 2027



Funding Opportunity Description:

The purpose of the **Idaho INBRE Seed Grant Program** is to stimulate research at the University of Idaho. The INBRE seed grant program will create opportunities for scientists to contribute to the Nation's biomedical and behavioral research effort by supporting small-scale research projects at Idaho's land-grant institution.

Funding availability and anticipated number of awards: We anticipate funding between three and five awards, based upon funding requests and number of proposal submitted. Awards are contingent upon successful renewal of the University of Idaho parent INBRE-5 grant, NIH funding appropriations, and the submission of meritorious applications.

Eligibility Information:

1. Restrictions:

- Only one application may be submitted per application cycle.
- No clinical trials research.

2. Eligible Project Leaders (PL):

- University of Idaho faculty with **research appointments**.
 - *Individuals with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research as the Project Leader are invited to develop an application for support.*
 - Preference will be given to early-stage investigators.
- The PL may not be the project investigator (or equivalent) of any active NIH research grant *at the time of an award*. This includes CTR or COBRE funding. If you're unsure, please inquire.

Application and Submission Information:

- Questions about the application: Contact the INBRE Statewide Program Manager & Fiscal Director, Whitney Myers, whitneym@uidaho.edu.

APPLICATION LINK

- **CLICK HERE** for application: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/uiseedgrant>



VERAS INFO:

Do not enter proposal information into VERAS at this time.

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1. Seed Grant REQUIREMENTS:

- a. The Seed Grant Research Plan application must include:
 - i. Specific Aims (**one page limit**)
 - ii. Research Strategy (**four-page limit**) organized into Significance, Innovation, Approach, and Impact.

The page format is 11 pt Arial Font with 1-inch margins. The proposal should state how the project will address human health and include plans to provide intensive competitive research experiences for students. The identification of a Scientific Mentor is recommended, but not required, for new or early-stage investigators. The Scientific Mentor must be an established scientist with an active research program that includes a laboratory group, an established publication record, and funding support. Preliminary Data are not required. Cited references are NOT part of the four-page limit.

- b. Appendix, if applicable:
 - Letter of agreement to participate from the identified Scientific Mentor (if included).
- c. NIH SciENCv Biosketch format for the Project Leader (with undergraduate authors on publications highlighted) is required.
 - *NIH SciENCv Biosketch for the Scientific Mentor (if included in the application).*
- d. Other required information/forms:
 - [Project Summary](#)
- e. Detailed budget for Initial Budget Period and detailed justification (budget max \$75,000 direct costs) -based on Project Leader's research appointment- for year one to include:
 - i. At least one undergraduate student
 - ii. Operating expenses
 - iii. Travel (domestic only)
 - iv. Equipment
 - v. Appropriate F&A
- f. **Plan a two-year project period and submit budget information reflecting each year.** The seed grant funding will be for one year. Consideration for a second year of funding will depend on successful completion of the INBRE milestones.

UI Seed Grant Funding Milestone Productivity Expectations	Project Leader ≥50% research appointment ≤\$75,000/year
Meetings with Scientific Mentor (if applicable)	Monthly
Monthly Networking Meetings	Required
Include ≥1 undergraduate on project	yes
Make progress on project Specific Aims	yes
Present at a national/international scientific meeting	Annually

Attend Manuscript and Grant writing workshop	Encouraged
Have review of research-based paper	Year 1
Submit and publish manuscript in a peer-reviewed journal	Yearly
Have pre-review of NIH R-type grant proposal	Year 2
Submit NIH R-type proposal	Year 2
Revise and resubmit to NIH and re-package proposal for other funding sources	Year 2
Graduate from program	After 2 years or other funding award, whichever is first
Submit non-competing renewal for ExC/EAC review	Year 1

****INBRE-funded manuscripts may not include co-authors with foreign affiliations.***



If your project is selected for funding:

You will need to do the following:

- Upload your project in VERAS, as soon as possible.
- Complete the NIH [Data Management Plan](#)
- Compliance protocols/forms, ***if applicable***:
 - [Human Subjects](#)- approved protocol and forms completed.
 - [Vertebrate Animals](#)- approved protocol and forms completed.
 - [IBC](#)- approval protocols and forms completed.
 - [Select agents](#)- approved protocols and forms completed.