

# **Penn State Behrend Chancellor's Sponsored Research Seed Grant Program**

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**This program was developed as part of the Research and Outreach Committee's planning efforts. Grants from the Chancellor's Sponsored Research Seed Grant Program are intended to support activities that will lead to increased sponsored funding.**

## **USE OF FUNDS:**

- Travel to sponsors, collections, potential collaborators etc.
- Establishment of faculty-research teams.
- Proof-of-concept activities.
- Proposal development; e.g., grant consultant, editing assistance.
- Professional development related to sponsored-research funding; e.g., grant-writing workshop, sponsor / solicitation identification.
- Release time to pursue sponsored-research funding.
- Augmentation of scholarly activity funds.
- Special, short-term student research assistants.

## **ELIGIBILITY:**

- Applicant must be a full-time member of the Penn State Behrend faculty.
- Limit of one grant per faculty member per semester.
- Applicants must have submitted activity reports for any previous initiatives funded by the program.

## **CRITERIA:**

- Scholarly merit.
- Projects must have some recognized outcomes related to the intention of the fund; i.e., lead to grant applications and increased sponsored research.
- Progress and outcomes from previous seed grants.
- Maximum request of \$2,500 per semester.
- Some level of matching funds is encouraged, but not required.

## **PROCESS:**

- Proposals may be submitted at any time.
- Complete page two of this form and submit it (with your proposal) to your respective school director via e-mail. Please see proposal format instructions on page two.
- Schools directors will review the proposals as they are received and will determine which proposals will be forwarded to the Research Office and will notify you via e-mail.
- Financial support for projects is contingent on availability of funds.
- Proposals will be reviewed by Research Office staff.

## **REPORTING:**

- A final report, including a summary of results is due within six months of the award date.

