



ENTREPRENEURIAL JOINT VENTURE MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM

2012 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

<http://www.calstate.edu/csUPERB/grants/entrepreneurial-joint-venture/>

Key Dates & Information:

RFP Release Date: September 12, 2011

Proposal Due Date: February 6, 2012 before 5:00 p.m. pacific time

Award Notification: May, 2012

Maximum Award Amount: \$25,000

Project Duration: Up to 18 months from the project start date (approximately June 1, 2012)

Program Description:

The California State University Program for Education and Research in Biotechnology (CSUPERB) Entrepreneurial Joint Venture (JV) Matching Grant Program provides support for CSU faculty engaged in external biotechnology-related partnerships. CSUPERB recognizes that collaborations with partners and institutions external to the CSU broaden the opportunities for innovative biotechnology projects, promote multi-disciplinary partnerships, encourage product development and other translational and outreach activities, and enrich California's communities and life sciences industry.

Successful joint venture projects might include, but are not limited to, the following examples:

- Basic, applied, translational or clinical research projects leading to further product or application development;
- Joint development of specialized, shared core facilities and/or instrumentation;
- Partnerships with industry professionals to develop industry-responsive programs, certificates, workshops or degree programs;
- Joint development of seminars and short-courses on life sciences entrepreneurship;
- Partnerships between CSU and other educational institutions addressing biotechnology education or articulation.

2012 Joint Venture Grants Review Criteria:

- Projects must be original and/or innovative.
- Proposed projects must involve individuals, companies or institutions external to the CSU (“external partner(s)”) working with CSU faculty toward a shared goal.
- Projects must be feasible within the time and budget proposed.
- Requested funds must be matched by contributions from the external partners, clearly identified and described in the proposal and in a signed letter of support from the partner.

Eligibility:

The proposed project must be biotechnology related. CSUPERB welcomes and encourages applications from CSU faculty in all disciplines related to the current practice of biotechnology, including but not limited to life sciences, physical sciences, clinical sciences, math, computer science, agricultural science, engineering, and/or business.

Investigators and Key Personnel:

The JV program is open to tenured or tenure-track (T/TT) CSU faculty. Other CSU staff may be listed as co-Principal Investigators (PIs) or key personnel. CSUPERB will consider only one proposal per PI or co-PI at a time to this program. Investigators applying to this grant program are also welcome to apply to other CSUPERB grants and awards programs.

Matching Contributions:

JV proposals must include matching contributions from external partners, totaling at least the same dollar amount requested from CSUPERB. Matching contributions from a joint venture partner may represent an investment of money, time, intellect and other resources toward a shared goal. Awards and other types of support from federal and state agencies, private foundations or other funding organizations granted to an external partner can be listed as matching contributions. However, the requested CSUPERB funding must support work that is a supplement or extension of the work already funded. Grants to the CSU PI or Co-PI can not be used as a match. A letter of support from the external partner should clearly address these points.

CSUPERB strongly suggests that applicants consult with CSU research offices for technology transfer information, external partnering advice, and templates for Non-disclosure Agreements (NDA, or CDA) and Collaborative Research and Development Agreements (CRADA).

Budget:

CSUPERB will review JV proposals with budgets **up to \$25,000**. Duration of the award will be 18 months from the project start date (approximately June 1, 2012). Exact project start dates are contingent upon award conditions, including IRB, IBC, or IACUC approvals on campus. Please note these awards will be made primarily with fiscal year 2011-2012 CSU general fund dollars, pending the California state budget.

CSUPERB grants are issued as a result of an internal competition within the CSU and are not subject to Facilities and Administrative (F&A), or indirect, costs. F&A costs are not allowed as a grant-funded expense in proposals submitted in response to RFPs from programs, like CSUPERB, that receive the majority of their support from legislatively appropriated funds, CSU lottery funds or student fees (including State University fees). The F&A foregone at the campus/auxiliary's federally negotiated off-campus rate may be shown as cost match on the proposal. This amount may be used by the auxiliary or enterprise fund as an offset to the university's cost allocation plan, in accordance with EO 753/1000.

Proposal Submission:

Proposals, including signed cover sheet, must be submitted electronically on the 2012 Joint Venture grant proposal template form according to submission instructions (see below) by Monday, February 6, 2012 before 5:00 p.m. pacific time. Proposals must adhere to style and length guidelines provided in the proposal template. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in proposal rejection during administrative review.

Proposal Submission Instructions:

Proposal forms and detailed guidelines are available at the CSUPERB website:

<http://www.calstate.edu/csUPERB/grants/entrepreneurial-joint-venture/>.

Applicants must electronically submit their completed and signed proposals using the CSUPERB Online Application and Review System (OARS; <http://www.csUPERB.org/oars/login.php>) by the due

date. If you have trouble with OARS, you must contact the program office before the proposal deadline.

Proposals that are complete and meet eligibility requirements will be evaluated for merit by a review panel comprised of CSU faculty with expertise reflecting the applications received. The proposal review meeting will be held in April 2012. The CSUPERB program office will make final funding decisions. Funding decisions are based on recommendations made by the review panel, available funds and CSUPERB strategic priorities. As part of the peer review process, all PIs will receive written reviews.

Post-Award Reporting Requirements:

Successful PIs are strongly encouraged to present the results of their funded project at the January 2013 or 2014 Annual CSU Biotechnology Symposium.

At completion of the project, PIs are required to submit final reports to CSUPERB **within 90 days** of project end date. Detailed instructions and report forms are available at:

<http://www.calstate.edu/csUPERB/grants/report-forms/>. Final reporting documents the need for and justifies continuation of the program. CSUPERB may also contact PIs and co-PIs for longer-term impact reporting.

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