



ENTREPRENEURIAL JOINT VENTURE MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM

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

2010 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Key Dates & Information:

RFP Release Date: August 31, 2009

Proposal Due Date: February 8, 2010, 5:00 p.m. pacific time

Award Notification: May, 2010

Maximum Award Amount: \$25,000

Project Duration: May 1, 2010 - October 31, 2011

Program Description:

The California State University Program for Education and Research in Biotechnology (CSUPERB) Entrepreneurial Joint Venture (JV) Matching Grant Program provides support for tenure/tenure-track (TT) California State University (CSU) faculty engaged in external partnerships. The JV program aims to increase collaboration between CSU faculty and other partners or institutions external to the CSU. CSUPERB recognizes that such collaborations broaden the opportunities for innovative biotechnology projects across the CSU, promote multi-disciplinary partnerships, encourage product development and other translational and outreach activities, and should benefit California's life sciences industry and economic development.

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

- basic, applied, translational and clinical research projects leading to technology transfer and/or further product/application development;
- joint development of specialized, shared core facilities and/or instrumentation;

- joint development of industry-responsive programs, certificate, workshops and degree programs;
- partnerships leading to the start-up of companies using CSU technologies;
- joint CSU academic-company appointments;
- joint development of seminars and short-courses on entrepreneurship and formation of companies;
- joint development of student internship or faculty sabbatical programs in life sciences industry settings;
- partnerships with economic development organizations and/or industry trade groups.

2010 Joint Venture Grants Review Criteria:

- Proposed projects must involve individuals, companies or institutions external to the CSU (“external partner(s)”). Successful projects will describe a partnership working toward a common, or shared, goal.
- Projects must be original and/or innovative.
- 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.
- Requested funds must be matched by contributions from the external partners (see Matching Contribution description below), clearly identified and described in the proposal.
- All other things being equal, projects that involve CSU students in a significant way may be prioritized for funding.
- All other things being equal, projects that involve external partners from the biotech and life sciences industry may be prioritized for funding.

Eligibility:

Investigators and Key Personnel:

The JV program is open to tenured or tenure-track (T/TT) faculty Principal Investigators (PI) or co-PIs. Other CSU staff may be listed as key personnel. Key personnel can be affiliated with more than one CSU campus. CSUPERB will consider only one proposal per PI or co-PI at a time to the JV Grant Program. Investigators applying to the JV Grant Program are also welcome to apply to other CSUPERB Grants and Awards Programs.

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 of May 1, 2010. Please note these awards will be made primarily with fiscal year 2009-2010 CSU general fund dollars, pending the California state budget.

Matching Contributions:

CSUPERB Joint Venture proposals must include matching contributions from external partners. Matching contributions from a joint venture partner may represent an investment of money, time, intellect and other resources toward a common goal. Only under extraordinary circumstances, fully described and justified in the proposal, can external contributions be less than the requested funding. Matching contributions can be provided by awards and other types of support from federal and state agencies, private foundations or other funding organizations granted to an external partner. However, the requested CSUPERB funding must propose work that is a supplement or extension of the work already funded. CSU PIs cannot submit a JV proposal using previously-funded grants to the PI or co-CSU-PI as a match.

Proposal Submission:

Proposals must be submitted on 2010 JV proposal template form and according to guidelines available at CSUPERB website: <http://www.calstate.edu/csUPERB/grants/entrepreneurial-joint-venture/>.

Proposal Submission Instructions:

Applicants are required to submit both hardcopy (with original signatures) and electronic versions of their completed proposals. Application forms and submission instructions are available at: <http://www.calstate.edu/csuperb/grants/entrepreneurial-joint-venture/>. Completed applications must be submitted to the CSUPERB program office before 5:00 p.m. pacific time, Monday, February 8, 2010.

Applications 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. A proposal review meeting will be held in April 2010. Final funding decisions will be made by the CSUPERB Program Office. Funding decisions are based on recommendations made by the review panel, available funds and CSUPERB programmatic priorities. As part of the peer review process, all proposals will receive written reviews.

Post-Award Reporting Requirements:

Successful JV PI's are strongly encouraged to present the results of their funded project at the January 2011 or 2012 CSU Biotechnology Symposium.

At completion of the project, PI's are required to submit Final Reports to the CSUPERB Program Office **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 helps to document the need for and the impact of the JV Grants to justify continuation of the program. CSUPERB may also contact PIs and co-PIs for longer-term impact reporting.

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