



COVID-19 POST PANDEMIC FACULTY SUPPORT PROGRAM 2021-2022 AY REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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Key Dates & Information:

RFP Release Date: July 29, 2021
Proposal Due Date: First submission deadline is September 15, 2021 and then on the 15th of every month thereafter while funding is available. CSUPERB has budgeted \$152,310 for this program.
Award Notification: Within 30 days of submission
Maximum Award Amount: Up to \$7,500
Project Duration: Project period must fall within August 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022

Program Description:

The California State University Program for Education and Research in Biotechnology (CSUPERB) aims to assist tenured and tenure-track Assistant and Associate CSU Professors whose research programs have been explicitly disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic through the loss of research progress and/or student researchers that will not be returning to the lab post pandemic.

CSUPERB will provide funding for up to 3 WTU of faculty time or for summer salary, to a combined maximum of \$7,500. This time must be used to help impacted faculty restart stalled research programs, and can include the need to train replacement student researchers for vacated positions, resulting from the COVID-19 related sudden shutdown of campus research programs. Funds must be used for faculty release time or compensation and may not be used for supplies or direct student payments. Details on the exact methodology for using the funds will be determined between the faculty member and their department or college administration, and within CSU and individual campus faculty reimbursement policies.

2021-2022 Proposal Review Criteria:

- Plans and budgets must show a demonstrated need for additional time to restart or reengage in research activities that were halted as a result of COVID-19 related campus closures, facilitate the reopening of faculty research facilities, AND/OR training replacement student researchers for those not returning to the lab after campus re-openings.
- Supporting documentation verifying access to research labs must be included if the proposal is submitted prior to Jan. 1, 2022. After Jan. 1, 2022, research lab access documentation will not be required of proposals from campuses returning to fully in-person, full campus population density instruction with no COVID-19 restrictions for Spring 2022.
- Supported effort must be feasible within the time and budget proposed.
- If supported faculty time includes IACUC or IRB related research activities, proposals should include copies of campus committee approval letters (or waivers) for existing research projects that will be supported by these funds.

Eligibility Criteria:

Faculty receiving COVID-19 Post Pandemic Faculty Support must be engaged in biotechnology related research. CSUPERB defines biotechnology as a **fusion of biology and technology**. BIO (<https://www.bio.org/what-biotechnology>) lists biotechnology examples, applications and sectors; CSUPERB explicitly adds to these lists health IT and medical device research and development. 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:

The COVID-19 Post Pandemic Faculty Support program is open to tenured or tenure-track CSU Assistant and Associate Professors. Non-tenure-track faculty, and full Professors are not eligible for this program. Eligible faculty will have experienced impacts to their CSU based research projects as a direct result of the halting of research activities on campuses due to the COVID-19 pandemic. CSUPERB will consider only one proposal per PI at a time to this program and faculty can only ever receive one award from this program. Faculty that have any academic year 2021-2022 research-based course release funding or support, including from start-up funding, internal CSU campus based grants, or any other source (including salary listed in external-to-the-CSU grants during this period) are ineligible for this program.

COVID-19 Nature of the Proposal:

Funding can only support tenured and tenure-track CSU Assistant and Associate Faculty whose own research was impacted by the halting of research activity due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Funds may be used to provide paid release time or compensation through any CSU and campus approved payment mechanism, including “buyout,” “release time,” “summer salary,” or any other method used by the campus for compensating or releasing CSU faculty from teaching responsibilities with CSU State of California dollars.

Budget:

CSUPERB will accept COVID-19 Post Pandemic Faculty Support Program proposals with budgets **up to \$7,500**. Duration of the award will not extend beyond September 30, 2022.

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.

Budget Restrictions:

- Faculty salary budgets up to \$7,500 per individual are allowed, including fringe, except for “additional employment” during faculty normally employed periods. It can be used for “additional employment” during summer, spring and winter breaks when not employed by the campus as well as for “release time” during the normally employed periods.
- Funds for supplies, travel or any other reason except PI salary described in the first bullet point shown above are not permitted with this grant mechanism.

Proposal Submission:

The complete proposal package, including the cover sheet signed by both the department chair and the faculty member's college dean (or their representatives), must be submitted electronically on the 2021-2022 COVID-19 Post Pandemic Faculty Support Program proposal template using CSUPERB's CSYou system (use “Apply” link at www.calstate.edu/csuperb). CSU Assistant and Associate Faculty applicants login to the CSYou system using their campus ID/username and password. Only Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF file formats are compatible with the system.

Proposals must adhere to style and length guidelines stated in the proposal template. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in proposal rejection during administrative review. Both the 2021-2022 proposal template and the submission link can be found on the CSUPERB website.

Proposals submitted by September 15, 2021 that are complete and meet eligibility requirements will be evaluated for merit by a review panel comprised of CSUPERB Strategic Planning Council members. Additional reviews will be conducted every 30 days thereafter until funding for this program is exhausted. Funding decisions are based on recommendations made by the review panel, available

funds, and CSUPERB strategic priorities. CSUPERB will not make awards to faculty members who have outstanding, past-due final reports for grants made under this or other CSUPERB grant programs.

CSUPERB Statement of Principles on Professional Behavior:

CSUPERB values diverse perspectives where all individuals can flourish. CSUPERB is dedicated to providing an environment that fosters intellectual curiosity and creativity, free and lively debate conducted with mutual respect for individuals, and freedom from intolerance. These values are applicable to any aspect of CSUPERB’s work, including meetings, symposia, and funded activities. Specifically, members of our community value:

- Critical scholarly discourse for the purpose of understanding, advancing scientific ideas, and educating the next generation of science and engineering practitioners;
- Education and research environments where all people are treated equally, regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation and free of bias, hostility, and harassment of any kind;
- Conversations and discussions where community members can share ideas in a collegial atmosphere that is inclusive and values everyone’s input and opportunity to participate;
- Advocacy for equality and inclusivity in science;
- The use of inclusive examples, graphics, and stories in presentations and proposals;
- Access for all community members, including traditionally underrepresented groups, to fully participate in and become leaders in science;
- The support and promotion of the education and careers of all scientists, engineers, and bio-entrepreneurs;
- Leadership in our fields to strengthen scientific mentorship and create an atmosphere of collaboration;
- Commitment to our own education and participation in activities related to recognizing and eliminating implicit bias.

All participants in CSUPERB events and activities are expected to follow the requirements of Title V, Title IX, and California State University (CSU) Executive Orders and adhere to the CSUPERB Principles of Professional Behavior and values. Non-CSU participants who do not follow these expectations may be asked to leave a CSUPERB event or activity and/or prohibited from participation in future CSUPERB events or activities.

Post-Award Reporting Requirements:

Successful PIs are required to submit a final report to the CSUPERB within 90 days of the funding end date. Detailed instructions and the link to the Reporting System are available (<https://www2.calstate.edu/impact-of-the-csu/research/csUPERB/Pages/grants-administration.aspx>) in the “Final Grant Reporting” section of the CSUPERB website. Final reports document the need for and help justify continuation of the program. CSUPERB may also contact PIs for longer-term impact reporting.

Program Contacts:

Applicants are encouraged to contact CSUPERB via email instead of telephone due to the uncertain “work-from-home” scheduling during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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