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**SEEDS: The OARDC
Research Enhancement
Competitive Grants
Program**

Fiscal Year 2018



SEEDS awards are intended to accomplish the following objectives:

- Enhance and encourage creative and innovative research
- Increase the competitiveness of scientists in extramural grant programs
- Encourage partnerships with industry and other stakeholders
- Encourage the development of interdisciplinary teams
- Encourage international collaborations



- All CFAES researchers with PI status, except adjuncts
- Faculty in EHE, Biological Sciences and Vet Medicine can serve on a grant as investigator if the primary investigator has a CFAES or OARDC appointment.



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CAREFULLY!**



Competitions

Seed – Early Career

Seed – Team Science

Partnership

Seed

Early Career Investigators

\$50,000 maximum

- New or innovative research
- To generate preliminary data

PIs must be **untenured**, regular faculty or hold appointments as research faculty, professional practice faculty, research scientists or postdocs in CFAES & be employed for **less than six years**.



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Partnership

Seed

Team Science

\$80,000 maximum

- New or innovative research
 - New scholarly teams
- Integrate social, biological and physical sciences
 - Mentoring partnerships

Teams of two or more investigators



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Partnership

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\$25,000 maximum

- Collaboration with industry, nonprofits or community partners
- Strong commitment from partner
 - Strategy for future funding

1:1 financial match is required.



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NEW

A contractual relationship will need to be established (after award) with the partner and OSP



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Proposal Requirements

- Cover Page
- Table of Contents
- Project Narrative
- References
- Budget
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- Matching Funds (Partnership)
- Collaborative Arrangements
- Strategy for Future Funding
- Discovery Themes
 - Health & Wellness
 - Food Security & Production
 - Energy & Environment
- Previous SEEDS funding
- Curriculum Vitae
- Current and Pending
- List of Potential Reviewers
- Resubmission response



Deadlines

Seed & Partnership:

October 11, 2017

Partnership Round 2:

February 28, 2018

- Submit online
- **5:00 pm. deadline on due date**

NO EXCEPTIONS!

- Administrative Review
- External & Panel Reviews
 - Panel Meetings



Why Proposals Might Not Be Funded:

- Poorly written, hard to understand, lacks organization
- Fishing expedition
- Research is not novel or new direction for investigator
- Proposal objectives do not fit the SEEDS program
- Hypothesis is not clear
- Resubmission overload
- No plans for future funding or next steps
- No timeline for activities
- Overly ambitious
- Budget is all/mostly salary or capital equipment
- Continuing funding/bridging other grants



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