UNH Collaborative Research Excellence (CoRE) Initiative

Overview

UNH holds “A Deep Commitment to Interdisciplinarity” as one of six visions and values for the university to pursue. UNH has supported this vision through the creation of interdisciplinary units such as the Institute for the Study of Earth, Oceans, and Space (EOS); the School of Marine Sciences and Ocean Engineering; the Sustainability Institute; and the Carsey School of Public Policy, as well as through funding opportunities such as the 2014 “Strengthening and Creating Institutes and Centers” effort and 2011 “Research Leveraging Initiative,” both supported by the Office of the Senior Vice Provost for Research.

The new Collaborative Research Excellence (CoRE) initiative will build on these previous investments by providing annual or on-going incentives for faculty to engage in a broad range of interdisciplinary activities. CoRE consists of five funding opportunities that will collectively reinforce a broad culture of interdisciplinary exchange, collaboration, planning, and support. Briefly:

- **Interdisciplinary Working Groups** will support groups of faculty to convene around research topic areas to build awareness and relationships across disciplines, allow for cross-fertilization of ideas, identify potential collaborative research opportunities, and provide a venue for finding partners.
  
  - Funding and Duration: Up to $10,000 per working group for projects lasting 1 year
  - Expected Number of Awards: 5-10
  - 2017 Proposal Deadline: 5:00 P.M. on Friday, March 31, 2017

- **Pilot Research Partnerships** will seed-fund collaborative research projects with strong potential to garner future funding from external sources (including industrial support) and/or with outstanding commercial potential.
  
  - Funding and Duration: Up to $25,000 per project, for projects lasting 1 year
  - Expected Number of Awards: 3-5
  - 2017 Proposal Deadline: 5:00 P.M. on Friday, March 31, 2017

- **Strengthening and Creating Centers** will provide funding to shape and position existing centers for success and launch new centers in areas of strategic importance that have strong potential for significant future funding support from government agencies, corporations, industrial consortia or foundations.

  **Strengthening Existing Centers**
  
  - Funding and Duration: Up to $50,000 for one year
  - Must be matched 1:1 by non-OSVPR funds
  - Expected Number of Awards: 1 per year
Creating New Centers.
- Funding and Duration: Up to $200,000 total for a period of 2 years
- Must be matched 1:1 by non-OSVPR funds that represent the most appropriate departments, college(s), school, etc.
- Expected Number of Awards: 1 every 2 years
- 2017 Proposal Deadline: 5:00 P.M. on Friday, March 31, 2017

- **Supporting Large, Complex Proposal Development** will provide dedicated funding and guidance to increase the competitiveness of UNH teams for major, interdisciplinary external grants. To be eligible, proposal development activities must:
  - target at a multi-year opportunity with an annual budget greater than or equal to $3,500,000; start at least 9-12 months prior to the expected due date of the targeted funding opportunity; and require a large, multi-investigator team.
  - Funding and Duration: Up to $100,000 per project
  - Must be matched by a minimum of 25% non-OSVPR funds
  - Expected Number of Awards: 2 per year
  - Proposal Deadline: Proposals will be reviewed on a rolling basis

Please refer to the individual funding opportunity descriptions for more details regarding the program requirements and application process.

- [Interdisciplinary Working Groups](https://unh.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1757760)
- [Pilot Research Partnerships](https://unh.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1757756)
- [Strengthening Existing Centers](https://unh.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1757784)
- [Creating New Centers](https://unh.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1757787)
- [Supporting Large, Complex Proposal Development](https://unh.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1757770)

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