

THE OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH ANNOUNCES

SYNERGY

a program to develop opportunities for external support of interdisciplinary research

Applications are now being accepted for a second Synergy competition. This program is designed to develop new research opportunities by bringing groups together from diverse disciplines. The funds will promote preliminary research that leads to substantial external funding with a significant multiplier effect.

CRITERIA:

- The research must involve at least two PIs from at least two different departments, although preference will be given to inter-college collaborations.
- The proposals must be for *new* interdisciplinary research directions wherein teams will be enabled to secure preliminary data, proof-of-concept or simulation results.
- There must be a clear plan for future external funding, including proposed agencies and programs, and the proposal must clearly demonstrate how the internal funding would significantly enhance the probability of securing a large, external award.
- There will be a midyear review for public presentation of new results.
- A final report, including the final proposal and place(s) of submission, will be due by September 15, 2008.
- Projects funded last year are not eligible.

FUNDING:

- Up to \$100,000 maximum (no indirect costs). Funds cannot be used for PI salary.
- Only under unusual circumstances will equipment be funded.

APPLICATION:

- A one- to two-page letter of intent will be submitted describing the research and its significance together with CVs of the PIs.
- Full proposals will be invited from the selected applicants.
- The funding decisions will be made after finalists give public presentations of their projects.
- The proposal will be no more than 5 pages of narrative including background, plan and significance. Make clear the importance of the interdisciplinary approach proposed and the specific plan for future funding including prospective agencies and programs.
- Include a detailed budget.
- Funding decisions will be made by a broad-based peer advisory committee.

DEADLINE:

- Letter of intent: July 15, 2007
- Full proposal: August 15, 2007
- Funding: September 15, 2007

Submit to the Office of the Vice President for Research:
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