

## 2018 Limited Submission funding from the UNC-System Office

### Research Opportunities Initiative (ROI) Program and Inter-institutional Planning Grant (IPG) Program

The UNC System Office has opened up two limited submission funding opportunities for 2018, the Research Opportunities Initiative (ROI) and Inter-institutional Planning Grant (IPG). UNCG can send up to 4 pre-proposals in each category, for a total of 8 pre-proposals. Below, please find a timeline for UNCG's internal process as well as a brief summary of the ROI and IPG funding categories.

RFPs with complete instructions and additional details for the ROI and IPG programs are provided online at <https://roi.northcarolina.edu/index.html>.

#### Internal timeline at UNCG:

- February 23, 2018: Solicitation release
- March 2, 10:00 am: Q&A teleconference call 701-801-1230, access code 600444
- **March 5, 12:00PM - internal intent to apply deadline**
  - email [aubrey.turner@uncg.edu](mailto:aubrey.turner@uncg.edu) and indicate PI name and category/stage
  - If we receive "intent to apply" from >4 in a category, then internal review:
    - March 13, 5:00PM - internal 2 page pre-proposal
    - March 16, notification of proposals selected to represent UNCG
- March 23, 2018: Pre-proposals due to UNC-System Office
- April 20, 2018: Pre-proposal decision back from UNC-System Office
- May 18, 2018: Full proposals due to UNC-System Office (if invited)
- August 1, 2018: Earliest funding start

#### Category 1: UNC Research Opportunities Initiative (ROI) (UNCG may submit 4 ROI pre-proposals)

Priority areas for funding:

- Advanced manufacturing
- Coastal and marine science
- Data science
- Defense, military, and security
- Energy
- Pharmacoengineering

Budget: may request from one to three years of funding at a maximum of \$700,000/year.

Not intended to start *de novo* research programs, but to boost a team toward national prominence and next stage funding. Although inter-institutional collaboration is not a requirement, proposals that significantly involve two or more UNC institutions are desirable.

**Category 2: UNC Inter-institutional Planning Grant (IPG) Program  
(UNCG may submit 4 IPG pre-proposals)**

Priority areas for funding:

- health sciences;
- agriculture;
- water and the environment;
- advanced manufacturing;
- marine and coastal sciences;
- defense, military, and security;
- pharmacoengineering;
- energy;
- data science.

Research projects in the humanities and social sciences are also welcome but are most likely best suited for Stage 1 awards (see attachment for details and examples). The UNC-System Office encourages proposals that involve collaboration between STEM and non--STEM fields (e.g. a collaboration that spans education and water and the environment).

Within Category 2 (IPG), there are two stages for applicants to choose between:

<b>Award type</b>	<b>Maximum award</b>	<b>Award funds pilot studies?</b>	<b>Number of UNC Institutions involved</b>	<b>External review by AAAS?</b>	<b>Review process</b>
Stage 1	\$25,000	No	At least two	No	Pre-proposals are screened by a multidisciplinary panel using review criteria on page 8 of RFP
Stage 2	\$75,000	Yes	At least two	Yes	Invited full proposals will undergo external review by AAAS

The ultimate goal of the IPG program is to incentivize collaboration among diverse institutions (required for this RFP) and diverse disciplines (encouraged for this RFP) to increase the UNC System’s success at attracting external funding for research.

Pre--proposals will be accepted from any collection of institutions within the 17-- campus UNC system. Additional collaborative partners may come from outside the UNC system, but at least two UNC institutions must be involved in each proposal.

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**Interested? Send your intent to apply** to Aubrey Turner ([aubrey.turner@uncg.edu](mailto:aubrey.turner@uncg.edu)) no later than Friday March 2, 5:00PM. Indicate the PI name and category/stage.