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RE: Advancing Research – Foundations and Systems

TO: Yong Shi  
Kun Suo

Congratulations on your successful proposal to advance Foundations and Systems within CCSE. I am happy to report that based upon the review of your proposal and the merit of your ideas, CCSE will allocate the following resources to your research group for spring 2020:

3 GRA tier 3 stipends (no tuition waiver) at \$5,500 each	\$16,500.00
4 undergraduate research assistants at \$2,400 each	\$9,600.00
Travel	\$5,500.00
Equipment	\$1,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$32,600.00</b>

Please note that the funds must be spent according to your original proposal and as allocated above. If you would like to modify the spending, you must receive prior authorization from the Dean.

All GRA/URA support is only for spring 2020. It may be possible to fund additional support in May/June beyond what is allocated above for GRAs/URAs, but please proceed to utilize the allocations above only in spring 2020.

**All funding must be spent or encumbered prior to April 1, 2020.** Any funds not utilized by this deadline will be reallocated elsewhere within CCSE and KSU.

Prior to the funds being released for use, the faculty listed above must work together to establish a physical (2<sup>nd</sup> floor J building) and online presence promoting the research group and work together as a collaborative team in this research area. These spaces must list the faculty, graduate, undergraduate, alumni, research publications, and grants submitted and received. Please **email me the URL of your research group web page** for inclusion on the CCSE web site.

Additionally, to ensure each group is well coordinated and requests for purchases are expedited, your research group must elect a single coordinator who will submit all requests for purchases. This person represents the group and is responsible for inclusively helping to streamline the coordination of managing the requests for expenses. The Dean will meet with



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these research group coordinators monthly to track research/grant/publication progress. As a group, please meet as soon as possible and elect your representative who will be able to fulfill this role and provide regular update reports to the Dean. Please **email me the name of your representative**.

It is expected that the investment that CCSE is making into this research group will increase the output of scholarship, research papers, and externally funded grants. Please track the progress in all of these areas and **report on the success of the research group in June, 2020**.

It is expected your research group will submit multiple papers and multiple external grant proposals in spring 2020 so that the funds invested in this group will show a strong return and be self-sustaining going forward. There may be funds to invest in your research group in the future, but this is not guaranteed, so your group should aggressively seek external funding as soon as possible.

I am happy to meet with your group as needed to discuss details and help advance your research.

Again, congratulations on the success of your proposal.

I look forward to seeing great things from your research group!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jon A. Preston'.

Jon A Preston