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Scientific Research Award

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This award provides seed funding for promising interdisciplinary scientific research across the whole of the organization.

Successful proposals will outline new activities that support the organization's strategic plans and are likely to lead to future external funding. Award funds may not be used to supplement an existing activity.

A total of \$300,000 will be allocated to one single award or a few smaller awards. Depending on the quality of this year's submissions, the fund may increase in following years.

Timeframe

- Applications will be accepted from Oct. 1 – Dec. 17, 2021.
- The Award Committee will review proposals in early January.

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- Finalist in-person presentations will take place in late February.
- Funds will be allocated in mid-March.
- No-cost extensions beyond 12 months will be considered as necessary.

Application Process

Applications should be approximately five pages long and include the following sections:

- Overview
- Explanation of the scientific merit of the proposal
- Approach
- Anticipated outcome
- Budget
- Narrative response to the following questions/criteria:
 - How does this project support the organization's strategic plans and why should funding be allocated now?
 - Why is this transformational and what long-term impacts can be expected?
 - How is this project interdisciplinary?
 - How will this project promote collaboration across the greater NCAR, UCP, university and/or private sector community?

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- Have all potential partners (internal & external) and funding sources been explored and leveraged?
- Be explicit as to why a strategic investment in this activity can be realistically expected to lead to future funding.
- What are your metrics and success criteria to demonstrate achievement?
- What are your milestones for when these metrics will be achieved?
- Proposals that leverage monetary co-sponsorship of at least two Lab/Program Directors will be given priority.
- Proposals with substantial involvement of a UCAR member university will be given priority.

Award Process

The UCAR President, NCAR Director, UCP Director, and members of the Board of Trustees will review proposals in January 2021 and invite a set of semifinalists to present and defend their proposals for final selection by the review committee in late February.

Monitoring and Evaluation

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Awardees will liaise with a contact in the President's Office, who will:

- Arrange the set up of budget and keys in Integrated Financial and Administrative Solution (IFAS) per the approved parameters.
- Monitor expenditure on a quarterly basis.
- Collect progress reports and distribute them to the Committee per the agreed upon schedule, which will include at least one final report at the end of the period of performance.
- Collect a final impacts report, due 12 months after the close of the project, describing the positive or negative impacts of the project, as well as any lessons learned or potential follow-up opportunities.

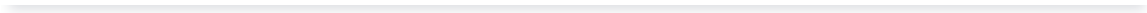
Application Form

We recommend that you prepare your responses in a separate document in advance before uploading to the form.

[View or submit an application.](#)

Questions?

Apps Contact [Jill Reisdorf](#), Manager of Administrative Operations in UCAR's President's Office.



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