

IWRC Seed Fund Program

Executive Summary

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10-Year Analysis (2015-2024)

Metric	Value
Unique Projects Funded	77
Total IWRC Investment	\$8,516,278
Follow-on Funding Secured	\$275,195
Return on Investment (ROI)	0.03x
Total Students Trained	304
Institutions Served	16

5-Year Analysis (2020-2024)

Metric	Value
Unique Projects Funded	47
Total IWRC Investment	\$7,319,144
Follow-on Funding Secured	\$261,000
Return on Investment (ROI)	0.04x
Total Students Trained	186
Institutions Served	11

Program Impact

The IWRC Seed Fund has demonstrated consistent impact over the past decade, supporting 77 unique research projects across 16 Illinois institutions. With a total investment of \$8,516,278, the program has trained 304 students and generated \$275,195 in follow-on funding, representing a 0.03x return on investment.