Request for Pre-Applications
UW System Regent Scholar Program
University of Wisconsin—Whitewater
Pre-Application Deadline October 31, 2018

UW SYSTEM REGENT SCHOLAR PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT (FY 2018-19)

OVERVIEW

The UW System is pleased to announce the reinstatement of the Regent Scholar Grant program for FY 2018-2019. These prestigious grants represent the highest level of UW System recognition for faculty innovation, entrepreneurship, and business engagement. Through a competitive process, Regent Scholar Grants will be available for faculty to explore with undergraduate students, and other collaborative partners, entrepreneurial ideas and innovative projects that aim to expand the boundaries of knowledge, enhance research, stimulate new technologies, inspire startup activity, fuel product development, better prepare the future workforce, and create or retain jobs in Wisconsin.

The Regent Scholar program will restart for FY 2018-19 with three awards of up to $50,000 each, with recipients announced in early 2019. The program includes a November 28, 2018, submission deadline with project evaluations to occur in December and recipients honored in early 2019. Each campus may submit up to two nominations for consideration in the 2018-2019 Regent Scholar evaluation cycle.

GRANT DESCRIPTION

Regent Scholar Grants are designed to encourage and reward faculty who desire to work with undergraduate students and other collaborative partners, primarily outside the normal semester time-frame limitations. The grants support entrepreneurial ideas and innovative projects by accomplishing the following goals:

1. Providing summer funding support for faculty to engage in research and other scholarly activities;
2. Promoting stellar research experiences for undergraduate students, thus preparing a high-quality workforce;
3. Stimulating research across all UW System campuses, ultimately driving regional economic development; and
4. Recognizing superior undergraduate research in the STEM disciplines and creative arts fields at the Board of Regents level.
Institutions awarded funds are required to **demonstrate measurable outcomes**. Recipients provide reports to the Board of Regents on the benefits and outcomes of these programs and highlight the impact these programs have on student success.

Regent Scholar Grants will be available for faculty, along with undergraduate students, and other collaborative partners, in support of entrepreneurial ideas and innovative projects.

**UW-WHITEWATER PRE-APPLICATION**

UW-W may nominate two faculty members for the Regent Scholar Program. To apply for this prestigious award, faculty members must submit a pre-application that will be the basis for UW-W’s selection for nomination.

**PRE-APPLICATION PROCESS**

- Pre-application RFP released 10/19/18
- Applicants upload complete pre-app into Cayuse for routing 10/31/18
- Chairs and deans route to ORSP with approval 11/05/18
- Review committee recommends to Provost 11/07/18
- Provost makes final selection 11/09/18
- Full applications sent to WiSys 11/28/18

**PRE-APPLICATION PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS**

To be considered for consideration, a pre-application proposal must include all the requirements outlined below. Selection committee members will evaluate each proposal and score it using a possible total of 100 points. Possible point totals for each application section are described below. Scores will be provided to the Provost who will make the final selection of up to two pre-proposals; those applicants will be invited to complete full proposals to be submitted by November 28 for the UW System competition.

To be considered, applicants must submit the following required documents using Cayuse 424 (see ORSP webpage: http://www.uww.edu/orsp)

1. **Cover Page.**
2. **Pre-Proposal Narrative containing the following sections:**
   a. **Abstract.** Maximum length: One paragraph, double-spaced, 12-point font.
   b. **Description of the project and its innovativeness (35 points).** Maximum length: One page, double-spaced, 12-point font.
      - Nature of the research
      - Innovative aspects/intellectual property
      - Entrepreneurial aspects/start-up potential
      - New technologies/product development
c. **Project significance and impact (30 points).** Maximum length: One page, double-spaced, 12-point font.
   - Job creation or retention, workforce development
   - Student undergraduate research opportunities/involvement
   - Other collaborators/sponsors
   - Businesses
   - Organizations/agencies/economic development

d. **Roles and responsibilities** of faculty investigator, students and collaborators, if any (20 points). Maximum length: One page, double-spaced, 12-point font.

e. **Budget and Budget Narrative (15 points).** Maximum length: One page, double-spaced, 12-point font.

f. **References.** Maximum length: One page, single-spaced, 12-point font.

3. **Faculty CV(s) and any letters of reference** from individuals within the business community and/or letters of commitment from collaborators.

To view the full RFP, including requirements for full proposals, see

- [https://www.wisconsin.edu/grants-awards/download/regent_scholar_grant_program/Regent-Scholar-RFP-Announcement.pdf](https://www.wisconsin.edu/grants-awards/download/regent_scholar_grant_program/Regent-Scholar-RFP-Announcement.pdf)
- [https://www.wisconsin.edu/grants-awards/undergraduate-research-3/](https://www.wisconsin.edu/grants-awards/undergraduate-research-3/)

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