Renée James Seed Grant Initiative
to Accelerate Scientific Research

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: May 24th, 2021

FUNDING AMOUNT
Up to $50,000.

PURPOSE AND CRITERIA
The goal of the Renée James Seed Grant Initiative is to seed new research projects that have the potential for significant external funding. Projects must:

be new lines of research where seed funding and prototype development/pilot project data will significantly enhance the potential for future, major external funding from federal funding agencies or foundations.

WHO MAY APPLY
All applicants must be CAS tenure track faculty members, and faculty can apply as sole PIs or as part of a team.

- Faculty applying as sole PI should demonstrate: a) a strong track record of published research; and b) a project with potential for significant external funding.

- Alternatively, a team of coPIs may submit a proposal for a new collaborative project. A new collaboration is one where the coPIs have not received external funding together.

A faculty member may serve as a PI or coPI on only one proposal.

Note: Due to the short time frame of the funding, any proposal requiring IACUC or IRB approval must either:

- have the protocol submitted prior to submitting a proposal to this program. Please list the IACUC or IRB protocol number and approval date. If under review, please list the title of the protocol and the submission date.

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- demonstrate that there is capacity to conduct key elements of the work prior to receiving IACUC or IRB approval.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Format: The length of the application shall not exceed three pages, excluding a cover page a budget page, a reference page, and biosketches for the principal investigators.
The application should include information on project aims, significance, key methods, impact/goals of the work, the ability of the researchers to carry out the proposed work, and plans for a major grant application. *(Please note if you will have staffing for the project in place by the first date of funding.)*

**Budget:** The requested budget should not exceed $50,000. The budget should show specifically anticipated expenditures, including tuition. Items eligible for support include: salary for research staff, postdoctoral fellows and students, as well as materials and supplies, travel, and equipment. Salary for faculty is not allowed; and indirect costs should not be included.

**Duration:** Work must commence between July 1, 2021 and September 16, 2021 and access to the funds will be for one calendar year. Any funds not used in that period will be returned to the program. Under extenuating circumstances the investigators may request up to a six month funding extension.

There is an expectation that this funding will lead to submission of an NIH R21/R01, NSF, DOE, DOD, USDA or equivalent major grant proposal (> $500K) within 12 months of the year one start date.

**Reports:** A final report will be due 30 days after the end of the grant period. A brief annual report is due yearly for the next two years following the final report. This report should include papers submitted/published and leveraged funding. Reporting should use the VPRI’s RDS progress and annual report forms.

**SUBMISSION:** Renée James Seed Grant funding applications must be received May 24, 2021. Please send material to Jules Jones by email (julesj@uoregon.edu).

Please contact Hal Sadofsky with any questions (sadofsky@uoregon.edu).