2022 DPI-Argonne Research Partnerships Seed Grant Program FAQ

What are the funding limits per proposal?

The maximum funding through this program is typically $250,000. A maximum of $125k each can be allocated to the University of Illinois System and to Argonne National Laboratory teams.

Who is eligible to apply?

The team must have at least one member with a 0.5 FTE appointment on a University of Illinois campus and one member with a 0.5 FTE appointment at Argonne. This can include research faculty or postdocs.

Are there limits on how funding can be spent?

For the University of Illinois System portion - this program is not intended to provide significant faculty salary support, but rather to cover costs necessary to jumpstart activities that will be supported by external funds. Co-PIs may not receive more than $5,000 in salary support each, excluding benefits, with a maximum limit of four co-PIs (in addition to the PI) per proposal that must be justified based on the scope of the work. Other costs are not subject to specific limits but will be examined closely to determine if they are efficient ways to advance the goal of helping teams find significant external funding. Expenses are expected to be incurred within the University of Illinois and subject to U of I policies and procedures.

Are subawards allowable?

Collaboration with partner institutions is encouraged, however, subawards are not allowable from seed funds.

What is the submission deadline?

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What is the starting time for accepted proposals?

We expect the review process will take around four weeks depending on how many proposals are submitted, so teams should generally be prepared to start work in a couple of months.

How should letters of support from industry partners be handled?

Industry partners are strongly encouraged if relevant. Letters committing to specific levels of support are preferred.

Can teams get initial guidance from DPI before submitting a formal proposal?

Yes, we can provide informal feedback if desired to help you determine if our program is the right fit for your team. For both informal reviews and formal submissions, we encourage you to be very clear about what problem you are solving, how you will solve it, who will be involved in what capacity, and how DPI support can help you be successful in securing significant additional funding.
How do I budget for contributions by faculty who are not part of the University of Illinois System or Argonne National Laboratory?

Funds for this program are drawn from the University of Illinois System and Argonne National Laboratory and may only be used towards supporting the activities of faculty, staff and students from the University of Illinois System and Argonne National Laboratory, respectively. DPI partner institutions have agreed to make their own individual funding arrangements with their faculty towards their participation in the science team activities. If you are a faculty from a partner institution that is participating in a science team proposal, please contact your institutional representative to obtain guidance about how your activities may be supported. Non-DPI partner institution faculty are also welcome to participate in a proposal, but may not receive financial support from the seed grant.

The following are the various contact points for the faculty from the partner institutions:

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Can a PI be on more than one proposal?

Yes, there is no limitation on the number of proposals that a PI may be a part of as long as the projects are distinct. Faculty can submit any number of proposals as lead PI, co-PI or senior personnel.

Where can we get additional clarification?

Please contact Michael Fitzsimons at fitzm@uillinois.edu. We will update this FAQ with answers to questions of general interest.

Is there a required budget format?

No, there is no particular format, but you must include a narrative and divide the expenses into major categories (e.g. personnel, equipment/use fees, supplies, travel, support). The Argonne and University of Illinois system components should be separate. It should be clear to reviewers that you have carefully considered all the expenses for the project. None of the following should be included: F&A (indirects), tuition, or fringe in the University of Illinois system budget. Indirect costs should be included in the Argonne budget.