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for Diverse Engineering Faculty
Advancement Program

KIND - RESEARCH ALLIANCE

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KIND - Research Alliance Seed Grant- Request For Proposals
Due: December 1, 11:59 pm PST

Goal

The goal of the KIND Program Research Alliance is to develop teams of multidisciplinary researchers to promote collaborative cross-campus research. The aim is to establish a structure to foster inclusive faculty research networks, leading to improved research productivity for participating faculty.

https://engineering.fresnostate.edu/specialprojects/kind/research-alliance.html

Who can apply?

All full-time faculty members (tenured, tenure-track) can apply. However, we encourage tenure-track women and underrepresented minorities (Black, Hispanic, Native American, Alaskan, Pacific Islander) to apply. There are certain eligibility criteria for the lead faculty for the KIND Research Alliance seed grant (not the actual external grant). There are some 'KIND extra credit' points for forming diverse teams and demonstrating the need for funding. Please refer to FAQ and evaluation rubric.

Funding

The total funding available for this year is $20,000, to be distributed among 4-5 teams. The budget for each team is expected to be in the range of **$4,000 to $5,000 (max)**. The funding can be used for activities permitted under professional development funds (e.g., conference travel, subscription, lab supplies, books, and travel for collaborative networking activities). More details on reimbursements will be included at the time of the award.

Procedure

- Please complete the application and upload the material (one application per team) Cohort-3. https://fresnostate.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8B8jaHpu58LbWQu
- Important dates
  - Register for Research Alliance Seed Grant- Cohort 3 using the following link: https://fresnostate.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e4nA60nGRDk3U8u
  - Attend office hours if necessary. (Details on next page)
  - Applications due: **December 1, 2024.** Please upload the application using the following link: https://fresnostate.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8B8jaHpu58LbWQu
  - The decision will be conveyed to you on **December 9, 2024**
  - The teams will need to spend money: **May 1, 2025**
  - The final report will be due **May 15, 2025**

Document checklist

- Cover sheet- Application form (to be completed by the project leader)
- Proposal Narrative/Description: Not to exceed **four (4) pages single-spaced (font size minimum 11),** including figures and tables, if any, and one-inch margins (top, bottom, and

sides). Reference pages are excluded from the 4-page limit. The proposal narrative is expected to have the following:

- Title of the proposal
- Abstract (100-150 words)
- Objective
- Description of activities (collaborative activities during the seed grant period)
- Intellectual Merit
- Broader Impact
- Budget and Budget Justification (for seed grant only)
- Targeted External Grant Opportunities (name of funding mechanism and submission date. It will be helpful to include the URL/link for the call)
- References

● [PI and Co-PIs bio sketches](#) - Use the attached template
● [Current and pending support for PI and Co-PIs](#) - Use the attached template

If you have any questions, please attend the office hours or contact any of the following Co-PIs

Co-PI	Office Hours	Zoom Link
Young Park, San Jose State University, younghee.park@sjsu.edu	Mon, Nov 18, 2024 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm.	https://sjsu.zoom.us/j/86901126810
Maryam Nazari, Cal State LA) mnazar12@calstatela.edu	Thurs, Nov 21, 2024 12:00 pm -1:00 pm	https://calstatela.zoom.us/j/85654652827
Kira Abercromby (Cal Poly) kabercro@calpoly.edu	Wed, Nov 20, 2024 9:00 am - 10:00 am	https://calpoly.zoom.us/j/89546423045?pwd=HV47RnbjbHaw3pw9Kv7TF3OSnJwrVC.1&from=addon
Lalita Oka (Fresno State) loka@csufresno.edu	Tues, Nov 19, 2024 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm and Thurs, Nov 21, 2024 11:00 am -12:00 pm	https://fresnostate.zoom.us/my/lalita.oka