Vice President for Research’s
Pre-Catalyst for Innovative Partnerships (PRECIP) Program

SYNOPSIS

The Vice President for Research is pleased to announce an internal request for proposals for the FY16 PRECIP program.

The Vice President for Research’s Pre-Catalyst for Innovative Partnerships (PRECIP) program is intended to seed and support new, early-stage research partnerships to explore transformative, interdisciplinary ideas. PRECIP is closely tied to the later-stage Catalyst for Innovative Partnerships (CIP) program. The relationship and distinction between the PRECIP and CIP programs is detailed below.
PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The goal of the PRECIP program is to encourage and support high impact, interdisciplinary research collaborations that have strong potential to lead to major funding opportunities. Selected teams will receive substantial support from the OVPR throughout the duration of the program. PRECIP teams will meet with OVPR staff quarterly to review progress, discuss challenges, and receive feedback. As appropriate, the OVPR will facilitate engagement with other CSU offices, such as Advancement, Foundation Relations, Corporate Relations, and International Research, as appropriate to the goals of each PRECIP team. Teams will also be encouraged to participate in PRECIP educational and training opportunities to help develop and strengthen critical skills in interdisciplinary team building and operations, communication and research promotion, and non-traditional grantsmanship (e.g., targeting foundations and industry). Other resources and support may become available to help PRECIP teams develop and strengthen their interdisciplinary network and research program.

In addition to programmatic support, PRECIP teams will receive funding to support the early phases of new interdisciplinary research program planning and development.

Activities supported under the PRECIP program may include, but are not limited to:

- New research team assembly
- Development of a research team structure
- Creation of resources (e.g., websites, communication tools) to facilitate large-scale, interdisciplinary research planning and communication
- Workshops that result in the development of a shared, interdisciplinary research vision, improvement of interdisciplinary communication, and/or strengthening of team dynamics
- Identification of major funding opportunities
- Generation of preliminary data, creation of joint publications and presentations, whitepapers, or other activities that establish the team as a collaborative entity and solidify its reputation to external audiences
- Identification and recruitment of key partners (academic, industrial, and/or governmental
- Travel to establish partnerships or meet with program officers
- Preparation of a proposal for participation in the 2017/2018 CIP Program (CIP RFP anticipated to be released in late 2016)
Although not a requirement, PRECIP teams that successfully develop novel interdisciplinary research partnerships and identify potential pathways for support will be strongly encouraged to prepare a proposal to the CIP program.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Eligibility:
- All full-time, regular, and special appointment CSU faculty are eligible to serve as PIs.
- Proposals must either currently involve or propose to create an interdisciplinary collaboration between two or more faculty members from different departments.
- We highly encourage applications from the College of Liberal Arts and College of Business, including those that bridge into STEM research.

TIMELINE

The PRECIP program and associated funding period will be from April 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. PRECIP teams will be funded in the amount of $5,000 per team. We expect that 5-7 awards will be made.

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PROPOSAL FORMAT

Proposals should include the following elements:
1. **Cover Page (1 page max):** Include the title of the proposal, PI and contact information, list of Co-PIs.
2. **Project Description (2 pages max):** Include a description of the proposed activities and how these activities align with the goals of the PRECIP Program. Describe the interdisciplinary nature of the team and why an interdisciplinary approach is necessary to address the proposed research focus. Describe how participation in the PRECIP program will help the team achieve success. Describe how completion of the proposed activities will result in continued interdisciplinary efforts, including follow on funding opportunities.

3. **Budget and Justification (1 page max):** Provide a line item budget and brief justification of costs.

4. **References (no page limit)**

5. **Appendix (no page limit):** Include a biosketch (2 page max per investigator) for the project PI and Co-PIs.

Formatting, all sections: 1.5-spaced, 12 point Times New Roman font with 1” margins.

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**PROPOSAL SUBMISSION**

Please submit proposals via email to Meghan.suter@colostate.edu by **5:00PM MST on March 1, 2016.**

Proposals will be reviewed and ranked by the Council of Research Associate Deans, and final selection will be made by the VPR.

It is anticipated that awardees will be notified via email on or before March 15, 2016.