

## ENTREPRENEURIAL JOINT VENTURE MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM

### 2016 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

<http://www.calstate.edu/csUPERB/grants/entrepreneurial-joint-venture/>

#### Key Dates & Information:

RFP Release Date: October 15, 2015

Proposal Due Date: February 1, 2016 before 5:00 p.m. pacific time

Award Notification: May, 2016

Maximum Award Amount: \$25,000

Project Duration: Up to 18 months from the project start date (approximately June 1, 2016)

#### Program Description:

The California State University Program for Education and Research in Biotechnology (CSUPERB) Entrepreneurial Joint Venture (JV) Matching Grant Program provides support for CSU faculty engaged in external biotechnology-related partnerships. CSUPERB recognizes that collaborations with partners and institutions external to the CSU broaden the opportunities for innovative biotechnology projects, promote multi-disciplinary partnerships, encourage product development and other translational and outreach activities, and enrich California's communities and life sciences industry.

Successful joint venture projects might include, but are not limited to, the following examples:

- Basic, applied, translational, clinical or community-partnered research projects leading to further product or proposal development;
- Joint development of specialized, shared core facilities and/or instrumentation;
- Partnerships with industry professionals to develop industry-responsive programs, certificates, workshops or degree programs;
- Joint development of seminars and short-courses on life sciences entrepreneurship;

#### 2016 Joint Venture Grants Review Criteria:

- Projects must be original and/or innovative.

- Proposed projects must involve individuals, companies or institutions external to the CSU (“external partner(s)”) working with CSU faculty toward a shared goal.
- Projects must be feasible within the time and budget proposed.
- Requested funds must be matched by contributions from the external partners, clearly identified and described in the proposal and in a signed letter of support from the partner.

### Eligibility:

The proposed project must be biotechnology related. CSUPERB welcomes and encourages applications from CSU faculty in all disciplines related to the current practice of biotechnology, including but not limited to life sciences, physical sciences, clinical sciences, math, computer science, agricultural science, engineering, and/or business.

### *Investigators and Key Personnel:*

The JV program is open to tenured or tenure-track (T/TT) CSU faculty. Other CSU staff may be listed as co-Principal Investigators (PIs) or key personnel. CSUPERB will consider only one proposal per PI or co-PI at a time to this program. Investigators applying to this grant program are also welcome to apply to other CSUPERB grants and awards programs.

### *Matching Contributions:*

JV proposals must include matching contributions from external partners, totaling at least the same dollar amount requested from CSUPERB. Matching contributions from a joint venture partner may represent an investment of money, time, intellect and other resources toward a shared goal. Awards and other types of support from federal and state agencies, private foundations or other funding organizations granted to an external partner can be listed as matching contributions. However, the requested CSUPERB funding must support work that is a supplement or extension of the work already funded. Grants to the CSU PI or Co-PI cannot be used as a match. A letter of support from the external partner should clearly address these points.

CSUPERB strongly suggests that applicants consult with CSU research offices for technology transfer information, external partnering advice, and templates for Confidentiality or Non-disclosure Agreements (CDA or NDA) and Collaborative Research and Development Agreements (CRADA).

### *Budget:*

CSUPERB will review JV proposals with budgets **up to \$25,000**. Duration of the award will be 18 months from the project start date (approximately June 1, 2016). Exact project start dates are

contingent upon award conditions, including IRB, IBC, or IACUC approvals on campus. Please note these awards will be made primarily with fiscal year 2015-2016 CSU general fund dollars, pending the California state budget.

CSUPERB grants are issued as a result of an internal competition within the CSU and are not subject to Facilities and Administrative (F&A), or indirect, costs. F&A costs are not allowed as a grant-funded expense in proposals submitted in response to RFPs from programs, like CSUPERB, that receive the majority of their support from legislatively appropriated funds, CSU lottery funds or student fees (including State University fees). The F&A foregone at the campus/auxiliary's federally negotiated off-campus rate may be shown as cost match on the proposal. This amount may be used by the auxiliary or enterprise fund as an offset to the university's cost allocation plan, in accordance with EO 753/1000.

*Proposal Submission:*

Proposals, including signed cover sheet, must be submitted electronically on the 2016 Joint Venture Grant proposal template at the program's submission web site by Monday, February 1, 2016, before 5:00 p.m. pacific time.

Proposals must adhere to style and length guidelines provided in the proposal template. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in proposal rejection during administrative review. Both the 2016 proposal template form and the Joint Venture Grant submission link can be found on the program's submission web site at:

<http://www.calstate.edu/csuperb/grants/entrepreneurial-joint-venture/submission.shtml>.

Proposals that are complete and meet eligibility requirements will be evaluated for merit by a review panel comprised of CSU faculty with expertise reflecting the applications received. The proposal review meeting will be held in April 2016. The CSUPERB program office will make final funding decisions. Funding decisions are based on recommendations made by the review panel, available funds and CSUPERB strategic priorities. As part of the peer review process, all PIs will receive written reviews. CSUPERB will not make awards to faculty members who have outstanding, past-due final reports for grants made under this or other CSUPERB grant programs.

**Post-Award Reporting Requirements:**

Successful PIs are required to submit final reports to CSUPERB **within 90 days** of project end date. Detailed instructions and report forms are available at: <http://www.calstate.edu/csuperb/grants/report-forms/>. Final reports document the need for and help justify continuation of the program. CSUPERB may also contact PIs and co-PIs for longer-term impact reporting.

Successful PIs are strongly encouraged to present the results of their CSUPERB-funded project at the January 2017 or 2018 Annual CSU Biotechnology Symposium.

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