Postdoctoral Seed Grant
Call for Proposals

Purpose
The goal of this initiative is to provide Iowa State University Postdoctoral researchers a valuable opportunity to apply for research funding in the role of Principal Investigator (PI). Postdoctoral researchers, or Postdocs, are expected to develop independent research; this opportunity provides the funds necessary to gain such experience. The proposed seed grants will be competitively awarded.

Eligibility: Postdocs with established salary support for the duration of the proposed project.

Deadline: April 15, 2019

Procedure
All materials electronically submitted via email as a complete package to:
Seed_Gr.2yye1fjgbpm1uhsb@u.box.com

Funded Proposals
- Project duration: 12 months
- Maximum budget for research proposals: $2,400
- Seed grant money is intended to support research efforts and may include any supplies, materials, etc. that are needed to complete the research excluding permanent equipment
- Seed grant money cannot be used for Postdoc salary or research assistant support
- Seed grant money cannot be used for professional conferences

Funding Areas
The requested funds should serve to advance a new research idea, that is not currently being funded by the PI or research group.

Proposal Format
Proposals should contain:
- Letter of Support from PI (1 page)
- Project Summary (150 words)
- Proposal Body (2 pages, including figures)
- References
- Timeline and Budget (1 page)

Formatting Requirements:
- Body text: Times New Roman, 11 point font
- 1.5 line spacing
- 1” margins on letter size paper
Selection Criteria
- Significance of the research problem to be investigated
- Clarity and appeal to a very broad scientific audience
- Potential impact: high-risk and high-reward
- Feasibility with respect to timeline and requested financial support

Budget Appropriation
Fund up to 3 seed grants at $2,400 per grant.

Outcomes
Grant recipients will be expected to submit a report describing in what ways the seed grant advanced the proposed research, results generated, and any publications.

Any published work resulting from this seed grant should acknowledge the support.

Evaluation Process:
- Committee composition: The Graduate College Awards committee will annually recruit six faculty members to serve as a decision committee. Faculty judges will be previous recipients of a university-wide research award.