**SUNY Research Seed Grant Program**
**NIH Resubmission and NSF Revised Submission Support Awards**
**2022-23 Request for Proposals**
**RFP #23-01-RSG**

Issued: July 18, 2022
Submission Deadlines: Due at the end of each quarter through June 30, 2023
(September 30, 2022; December 30, 2022; March 31, 2023; June 30, 2023)

**RFP Highlights:**

- The Research Seed Grant Program provides seed funding to catalyze and support SUNY faculty in the pursuit of extramural grants.
- This RFP specifically supports SUNY faculty's efforts to **resubmit or prepare revised submissions** proposals to NIH or NSF that previously scored favorably but were unfunded.
- Selected PIs/faculty teams will be awarded up to $40K to address concerns raised by peer review of their proposals.
- Award recipients are required to identify and submit at least one extramural grant proposal to NIH/NSF within 18 months of receiving the SUNY award.
- The program under this RFP is contingent upon the availability of funding.

## I.  BACKGROUND AND PROGRAM GOALS

Since FY2017-18, the SUNY Office of Research, Innovation, and Economic Development ("ORIED") has supported the Research Seed Grant ("RSG") Program, which is designed to catalyze and facilitate the development and preparation of extramural grant applications. Typically, these applications require extensive planning, exchange of ideas, collaboration, team building, partnering, and other activities demanding significant investments of faculty's time and effort.

Due to the success in high campus enthusiasm, positive results in increased extramural grant submissions and external funding, the RSG Program has expanded over the years. The RSG Program has included a cycle of National Institutes of Health ("NIH") Resubmission Support Awards to help Principal Investigators ("PIs") secure grants in competitive processes that often require proposals to be submitted several times before they are eventually funded.

Originally conceived as a pilot, the NIH Resubmission Support Awards were designed to support PIs/faculty teams who have received highly favorable ratings on their prior, unfunded NIH grant proposals in their resubmission efforts. As outcomes in the pilot have been positive, this RFP expands the Resubmission Support Awards to include National Science Foundation ("NSF"), in addition to NIH, as targeted extramural funding agencies.

## II.    PROGRAM GUIDELINES

### A.    Funding

Selected PIs/faculty teams will be awarded up to $40K in funding.

Awarded teams are required to use these funds to explicitly address the concerns and gaps in the original submissions as indicated by the reviewers. In the cases where the gaps are related to insufficient data collection, the funds are to be used for preliminary research and related activities enabling the improvement of proposal development, preparation, and resubmission to NIH/NSF.

Awarded teams must begin to implement their stated plans and begin to use the funding within three months of the start date of the grant.

### B.    Award Duration and Requirement

The award duration is 18 months. Awarded teams are required to resubmit/submit at least one proposal to NIH and/or NSF within 18 months of receipt of a SUNY Research Seed Grant award.

All members of a team that receive a SUNY Research Seed Grant award and fail to submit at least one extramural grant proposal to NIH/NSF within the specified time frame under the agreement of their award may not be eligible to receive future SUNY ORIED research funding.

### C.    Eligibility

**Campus:** All SUNY four-year, state-operated campuses are eligible to submit proposals under this RFP. There is no limit on the number of proposals a campus may submit, as long as eligibility criteria outlined in this RFP are met.

**Individuals:** A SUNY faculty member or SUNY investigator may submit only one proposal as a Principal Investigator (PI) or Co-PI under this RFP.

Additionally, PIs are limited to one active SUNY Research Seed Grant at any given time. PIs that are currently funded by the SUNY RSG Program with an end date of September 30, 2023 (or later) are not eligible to submit a proposal under this RFP.

The primary intent of the SUNY RSG Program is to support tenured/tenure-track faculty. However, applications from research faculty, or post-doc as PIs can be considered.

PI recipients of previous SUNY RSG awards who failed to submit one extramural grant proposal to an external funding agency based on that SUNY award requirements are not eligible to submit a proposal under this RFP as a PI.

**Initial Proposals to NIH/NSF:** Initial proposals that were submitted to NIH/NSF must be within the past two years of the targeted NIH/NSF funding opportunity and scored favorably by the reviewers.

Only NIH proposals that were discussed and scored will be considered for funding under this RFP. Favorable ratings are considered those that received an Impact/Priority Score of 35 or lower.

NSF proposals that received all ratings of "Excellent" and "Very Good" or a combination are considered favorable.

III.    **PROPOSAL SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

Proposals must be developed *using the templates provided* and submitted by the corresponding campus Office of Vice President for Research (the Office of the Provost where the campus does not have an Office of the VPR) as one PDF file via e-mail to: rsg@suny.edu.

The submission deadlines are at the end of each quarter through June 30, 2023 (subject to available funding), specifically:
- September 30, 2022
- December 30, 2022
- March 31, 2023
- June 30, 2023

Each proposal package must contain the following sections in the below order:
1. Cover Sheet
2. Narrative
3. Budget and Budget Justification
4. Copy of the NIH/NSF Reviewer Feedback Report

IV.    **PROPOSAL REVIEW CRITERIA AND PROCESS**

Proposals will be evaluated based on a number of factors that capture impact and feasibility of success, gaps and concerns raised by NIH/NSF reviewers, ability to address those gaps/concerns; and a realistic plan to secure external funding.

Proposals will be reviewed by members of the ORIED and Provost Office. Necessary measures will be taken to avoid any potential conflicts of interest. Any external reviewers will be required to sign a Conflict of Interest Form and Confidentiality Statement.

Selected PIs/teams may be requested to answer questions prior to funding decision.

ORIED will make every effort to announce the awards within 8-10 weeks after the last submission deadline. Funds will be made available to the PIs upon receipt of the award acceptance agreement duly accepted by campus administration.

## V.  REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

PIs will be required to submit a brief progress report at Month 4, Month 8, Month 12, and at the end of the grant period using the template provided by the ORIED. It is expected that PIs respond in a timely manner when requested by the ORIED for updates and/or other information throughout the reporting period. After the grant period ends, PIs are expected to notify the ORIED of extramural grant submissions that stemmed from this grant and results, as well as publications.

Funding may be terminated at any time if it is determined by the ORIED that the team has not made sufficient progress towards its stated goals or has not been responsive to ORIED's request for progress reports.

## VI.  RELATED PUBLICATIONS

All publications or similar research outputs that stemmed from this SUNY grant should include the following statement of acknowledgement: "Research/Work reported in this [publication/press release] was supported by SUNY System Administration under award "SUNY Research Seed Grant Program.""

## VII.  CONTACT INFORMATION

Please submit questions regarding this RFP to rsg@suny.edu. Reference "RFP 23-01-RSG" in the subject line.