

CICOES Research Development Grants 2027 Request for Proposals

Summary

- Funding Available: \$150,000
- Two grant categories: Partnered (max \$40,000), CICOES-UW (max \$30,000)
- Proposal Deadline: 8 am PST November 9, 2026
- Project Selection Notification: January 4, 2027
- Project Period: February 1, 2027 – June 30, 2027 (potential for 6-month extension)
- One proposal per PI, individuals can participate in other proposals as co-PIs
- Submit a single PDF file to: John Horne (jhorne@uw.edu)

Scope

The CICOES Research Development Grant program supports activities that leverage new research. Funding is provided for new or a significant extension of existing but unfunded research that falls within at least one of the [CICOES research themes](#). Collaboration with researchers in other UW units, CICOES partner Universities, and/or NOAA scientists is encouraged (and required in the partnered project category).

Funds may be used to acquire proof-of-concept data for future use in an external research proposal. The primary outcome of a Research Development Grant Project is not intended to be a published paper, but publications are encouraged. Research Development Grant funds are not subject to indirect charges.

Project Categories and Eligibility

Partnered: CICOES Research Scientists 3 and above with principal investigator status, CICOES-affiliated faculty from OSU, UAF, and UW, and CICOES Postdoctoral Scholars who have or are eligible for PI status may apply. Proposals must include PIs and funding to at least two of the three partner Universities.

CICOES-UW: CICOES Research Scientists 3 and above with principal investigator status and CICOES Postdoctoral Scholars who have or are eligible for PI status may apply.

If an applicant does not have Principal Investigator status, then a letter of support from a CICOES PI must be submitted with the proposal.

Proposal Content and Submission

Proposals must include: 1) research context; 2) objectives; 3) methods; 4) proposed work including outcomes; and 5) potential future funding. Proposals are limited to a 3-page narrative (min 11 pt font, tables, figures). Supplementary material should include references (max 1 page), budget and budget justification (2 pages), CV (1 page per PI) and, if required, a support letter for non-PI applicants. UAF and OSU proposals require approval from their Office of Sponsored Programs before submission to UW. Previous CICOES Research Development Grant recipients are expected to include a maximum 1-page description of resulting products (e.g. proposals, papers, collaborations) of previous Research Development Grant(s) in supplementary material. Incomplete and late proposals will not be reviewed.

Evaluation

Proposals will be evaluated by a committee from all three CICOES universities. Evaluation criteria include: i) scientific merit, ii) expansion to new research area(s), iii) potential to leverage new funding, iv) compliance with proposal requirements, and if partnered v) institutional collaboration. Successful applicants are required to submit a final report describing outcomes, products, and next steps no later than three months after completion of the project. All reports will be posted on the CICOES website. Successful applicants are ineligible to compete for Research Development Grants the following year.

Direct any questions to John Horne (jhorne@uw.edu)