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## ***“SWINGING FOR THE FENCES” AWARD PROGRAM***

### ***PURPOSE***

The Office of the Vice President for Research is making available awards of up to \$25,000 under the new “Swinging for the Fences” program. The purpose of this program is to facilitate collaborative research from faculty teams with established track records of extramural funding to support the generation of preliminary data for a ***large*** collaborative proposal to an external funding agency. ***‘Large’*** is intended to mean that the funds to be requested in the external proposal are to be significantly greater than either of the collaborating faculty members have obtained on their own (“Swinging for the Fences”).

### ***ELIGIBILITY***

These awards are open to teams (two or more) of tenured and/or tenure-track faculty members who have established a track-record of receiving significant extramural funding for their research.

### ***SELECTION CRITERIA***

Proposals will be evaluated by a review committee established by the Office of the Vice President for Research. Priority will be given to proposals that articulate the clearest and strongest plan for work that will seed ***large*** follow-on external funding proposal. Moreover, preference may be given to proposals involving interdisciplinary research (i.e. includes individuals from different departments). All proposals should contain a specific plan not only for the proposed work but also for subsequent external funding. ***It is an expectation of this program that one or more proposals for external funding, seeking funds significantly greater than what any of the investigators has obtained in the past, will be submitted within one year of completion of the proposed project. A specific plan for the large follow-on proposal(s) must be described in this proposal. At a minimum, the applicants should provide the specific agency(ies) and program(s) they will target for the large follow-on proposals, and indicate the general research topic and range of dollar amounts that will be sought.***

### ***SUBMISSION AND DEADLINE***

To apply for funding under this program, complete application that follows and email the completed application to [vprprograms@okstate.edu](mailto:vprprograms@okstate.edu) with **the subject line: SWINGING FOR THE FENCES** by 12:00 pm (noon) on 31 January 2018.

### ***RESTRICTIONS***

Funds must be expended by 30 June 2019 and in accordance with applicable OSU guidelines, policy, and regulations. These funds may not be used for travel to workshops, conferences, or to visit with program managers/directors. For travel that is detailed in the proposal, reimbursement will be based on actual expenses (up to the award amount) and itemized receipts will be required.

Successful applicants are required to submit a one-page written report by 1 September 2019.



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**SECTION I – APPLICATION INFORMATION**

**PI Name:**

**Phone Number:**

**Email:**

**Department/School:**

**College:**

**Academic Rank:**

**Tenure Status:**

**Highest Degree & Year Completed:**

**Co-PI Name:**

**Phone Number:**

**Email:**

**Department/School:**

**College:**

**Academic Rank:**

**Tenure Status:**

**Highest Degree & Year Completed:**

**Signature Approvals Required**

**Principal Investigator:**

**Co-Principal Investigator:**

**College/Dept Fiscal Officer:**

**Associate Dean for Research:**

*Attach a separate page for additional investigator/approval signatures.*

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***SECTION III – PROJECT NARRATIVE***

Using one-inch margins, 12-point font, single spacing and a four-page limit, provide a narrative of your proposed project in a manner such that a faculty member from outside your field will understand its importance, approach, and the future funding plan.

- Describe the importance and impact of the project and explain how it will advance your program of research.
- Provide a plan of the work that includes a description of the methodologies or processes to be used and a timeline for completion of the project.

***Note: If the proposed project involves the use of Human Subjects, Vertebrate Animals, Biohazardous Materials and/or radioactive materials, radiation producing devices or lasers, successful applicants will be required to submit a copy of the approval letter or approval form from the relevant committee(s) prior to release of funds. Funds will NOT be released without appropriate approvals.***

***SECTION IV – BUDGET AND BUDGET JUSTIFICATION***

- Provide a one-page detailed budget listing salaries, wages, consumable supplies, research travel, etc.
- Provide a justification for the proposed budget (one page maximum).
- Budget category deviations greater than 10% will require prior approval by the Office of the Vice President for Research
- Quarterly invoices are required to be submitted to the Office of the Vice President for Research (template will be provided upon award)
- *Note – Budgets that are viewed by the review committee to be “padded” for the sole purpose of requesting the maximum amount of funding (\$25,000) will be eliminated from consideration.*

***SECTION V – ABRIDGED CURRICULUM VITAS (FOUR PAGE MAXIMUM PER INVESTIGATOR)***