

FAQs for Science & Technology Initiatives Fund

Q: What is the 2015 application deadline?

A: Final draft two-page concept papers are due, by email, at the UMA Office of Research Development (ORD) on Friday January 30th. ORD will review and suggest possible improvements before submission to the President's Office on February 5. ORD is responsible for submitting concept papers to the President's Office.

Q: Do I need to submit through OGCA?

A: No. Proposals are submitted to the UMass President's Office via the campus Office of Research Development (ORD@research.umass.edu, 7-3726)

Q. For the concept paper, how detailed should the budget be and is it part of the two pages?

A. It is part of the two pages and it should only a few lines with an estimated total. Faculty cannot ask for salary but staff salaries, travel, graduate students, participant costs, and consultants are typical expenses. Indirect costs are not allowed.

Q. How much can I request?

A. Requests can be up to \$200,000 especially if it is a multi-campus project. Awards will likely be in the range of \$100,000 to \$150,000.

Q: Is my proposal right for the S&T fund?

A: Of course, the answer is "it depends." Please carefully read the "Criteria for S&T Fund Awards" section of the solicitation. Note two things in particular: 1) The S&T Initiatives Fund program is administered by the Economic Development group within the UMass President's Office. Therefore, special attention is given to the potential for economic impact and industry partnerships in Massachusetts. 2) The S&T Fund is meant to "seed" efforts to scale up research programming. Therefore, it is important to provide a description of how the requested funds will enable the PI and Co-Is to pursue large-scale research funding opportunities.

Q: Do I need to partner with another UMass campus?

A: No. However, collaborations between campuses are encouraged and will be reviewed favorably.

Q: What date should I use for the project start date?

A: July 1, 2015. The project period is typically 12 months.