Science Translation and Innovative Research (STAIR™)[1] 2019-20 Grant Program Announcement

Program Overview

The UC Davis Science Translation and Innovative Research (STAIR) Grant Program, now in its seventh year (FY 2019-20), is funded by the Office of Research and managed by Venture Catalyst. The program seeks to stimulate entrepreneurial engagement by university researchers with potential for local and regional economic impact. The specific program objective is to provide targeted funding to support translational science and innovative research performed by UC Davis researchers, with the intent of demonstrating early proof-of-concept, commercial potential or commercial feasibility of UC Davis technologies. Examples of outcomes that might be realized from STAIR Grant funded research results include:

- Development of research or commercial prototypes
- Generation of translational data that would not have been funded by traditional research grants
- Patent claims enablement
- More competitive SBIR/STTR grant applications by startups that subsequently benefit from license or related IP rights to the underlying technologies

Eligibility Criteria

Eligible Projects include those that feature an early-stage technology with potentially patentable intellectual property, and which further meet one or more of the following project criteria:

- Advanced beyond the fundamental research stage, but lacks early proof-of-concept data to demonstrate that commercial potential exists, or to more clearly identify development risks
- Demonstrated successful results in the research environment and is poised for commercialization pending a specific, targeted demonstration, test result, or prototype
- Reached a critical stage of technology development, whereby specific commercialization feasibility questions can be answered within program resource constraints

Eligible Applicants:

- Anyone with Principal Investigator (PI) status at UC Davis is eligible to apply for a STAIR Grant
- Postdoctoral scholars and university staff may submit applications as Co-PI with an eligible PI

Please carefully review all eligibility criteria and program requirements in the STAIR RFP, which you can download from the STAIR Grant website at http://research.ucdavis.edu/offices/vc/stair/stair-grant-program-materials.

Grant Terms and Amounts

Up to $250,000 is available for the STAIR Grant Program in Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Approved projects may be eligible for up to $50,000. In addition, Venture Catalyst has engaged several campus and industry partners to make up to $225,000 of additional potential supplemental funding available to particular technologies and projects through the STAIR Grant Program. The scope of work described in your proposal must be aligned with the requested budget so as to be completed within 12 months from the date grant funds are disbursed. The number of STAIR Grant projects awarded will depend on the total amount of funds requested and approved.

How to Apply

For more information and application instructions, visit the STAIR Grant website at: http://research.ucdavis.edu/offices/vc/stair/. You can email your any questions you have to stairgrant@ucdavis.edu. **The application deadline is Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at 5:00pm.**

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