

## **FAQ: OVPRI Innovation Fund Translational Research Grants**

### 1. *Am I eligible to apply?*

You are eligible to apply if you meet the following criteria:

- a) Applicant is a UO tenure-track or non-tenure-track faculty member with an active research program OR Applicant is a UO research spinout less than 5 years old which holds an active IP license from UO
- b) Applicant has filed IP disclosure(s) with UO Innovation Partnership Services (IPS) for the innovation related to the TRG application prior to submitting the TRG application or has an IPS Project Rules agreement in place for the related research project currently in progress

Note: Postdocs and graduate students are also encouraged to apply provided that their supervising TTF is a co-applicant and confirms support for the postdoc or graduate student to participate in the available UO innovation training programs

### 2. *Who is not eligible to apply?*

Emeritus, courtesy, visiting and adjunct appointees and part-time non-tenure track faculty.

### 3. *What are the funding restrictions?*

The Translation Research Grants are not intended to support activities such as:

- Basic research. TRG proposals should clearly articulate the pre-existing innovation and how you intend to further enable the application of your discovery/innovation/invention. TRG funds are not intended to generate the fundamental innovation, though they may result in the creation of innovative improvements.
- Any item not related to technical development of your innovation in a direction that will enhance allowable goals. For example, market analysis or business plan creation. While these are laudable goals, they are not within the spirit or intent of TRG's. OVPRI anticipates other national, regional and UO programs fulfilling this role (e.g. NSF I Corps, Business Oregon Phase 0, Lens of the Market)
- Equipment that is general research equipment
- Travel to meetings, publication charges
- Patent fees. OVPRI supports patent and copyright protection through other operational funds
- Tenure-line Faculty salary

### 4. *If awarded a VPRI Innovation Fund Translation Research Grant, may I apply to the program later? After how long an interval?*

Additional funds are not available for projects previously funded through this program. New projects with inventions/innovation unrelated to a previous project are eligible at any time.

### 5. *What are the proposal components?*

The application must include the date of the IP disclosure, project background, specific goals, timelines and expected outcomes, a budget and justification, and confirmation of the 20% UVDF payback

requirements. The entire proposal is limited to 3 pages and must address the questions in the application form.

6. *If I have references or citations as part of my project statement, should these be included in a bibliography? Would this count as part of my three-page statement of work?*

While citations are not strictly necessary for this type of application, you may include one page of citations that does not count in the three-page limit for the application.

7. *Can I request proposal development assistance from Research Development Services?*

Yes. Research Development Services can provide feedback on proposals if requests for review are submitted at least 5 business days in advance of the deadline. While RDS administers the internal award programs, RDS staff are not involved in the review and funding decision process.

8. *What are the reporting requirements?*

A final report (see template on VPRI Innovation Fund webpage) will be required for all award recipients. The award letter will specify the deadline to submit a final report.