

UVDF Information of VPRI Innovation Fund Grant Applicants

The VPRI Innovation Fund draws from a number of financial sources to make grants. It includes donations to UO's University Venture Development Fund (UVDF), a tax credit based program managed by the Office of the Vice President for Research and Innovation at the University of Oregon to promote commercialization of UO research. More information on the UO UVDF can be found here:

<https://around.uoregon.edu/content/oregon-offers-tax-credit-gifts-venture-development-fund>

As a condition of receiving UVDF donations, UO must report to the Oregon Department of Revenue the amounts of tax credit certificates issued by UO and maintain records of licensing and royalty revenue (Gross Royalty Income) received by UO as the result of grants made from UO's UVDF and records of the amounts paid back to the State of Oregon General Fund.

UO is required to monitor the use of grants that include UVDF dollars and identify sources of Gross Royalty Income received by UO as the result of the use of the grants. UO must transfer 20 percent of such Gross Royalty Income to the State of Oregon General Fund but not to exceed the amount of the tax credit certificates issued by UO as a result of contributions to the UVDF. Immediately upon deposit of the transferred amount into the Oregon State General Fund, UO may issue new UVDF tax credit certificates in an amount not to exceed the transferred amount. The Oregon legislature's intent was to create an evergreen fund for university research innovation investment by issuing tax credits and paying them off through licensing revenue received by UO from projects that benefited from the investment.

Each prospective recipient of UO UVDF dollars must submit an application to UO. The VPRI Innovation Fund grant application fulfills this requirement. Each grant must also be documented and implemented through an appropriate grant agreement and each grant agreement shall provide that the recipient, if other than a public agency, remain in Oregon for at least five years following the final disbursement of funds under the agreement or repay the grant plus compound interest at 8 percent per annum. UO participants must also agree to the tax credit payback of 20% of UO Gross Royalty Income because they may be financial stakeholders in any royalties or licensing income received by UO. Because of the evergreen nature of the tax credit program enabled by UO's UVDF, priority is given to applicants who can demonstrate with specificity that their efforts will result in technology with high commercial potential and societal impact.