

Collaboration Initiative
Request for Applications (RFA): FY2024 Nebraska Research Initiative (NRI) Funds

Annual Meeting Registration Deadline:

To be eligible for funding, principal investigators (PIs) must [register](#) and participate in Collaboration Initiative Annual Meeting sessions on November 18, 2022. Registration closes on Friday, November 4, 2022. See registration page for exceptions and waivers.

Application Deadline:

Funding applications must be submitted by Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 5 p.m. Central Time via the [NuRamp.nebraska.edu website](http://NuRamp.nebraska.edu) [All routing signatures, after those required at submission, must be received by January 31, 2023.]

Program Website, Annual Meeting Registration, and Application Instructions:

<http://nebraska.edu/collaboration-initiative/>

collaborators, are for activities not supportable by existing or traditional grant funding, and should be focused on research that strengthens evidence for the feasibility of an initial idea, innovation, or concept that will eventually result in a new invention. In addition to NU campus reviewers, applications for this grant type will be reviewed by NUtech Ventures and UNeMed representatives.

[To support extramural grant applications: \$10,000 to \$150,000 total for one- or two-years²]

Grants are available to support new and existing research collaborations at two or more Nebraska campuses to either 1) Generate preliminary data critical to extramural research

will be available prior to June 15, 2023. Funding will commence on July 1, 2023.

² Limited to a maximum of \$75,000 in a single year



research teams are *strongly* encouraged to attend. Participants will be expected to informally discuss their potential research projects with other attendees within a small group and be receptive to engaging other collaborators. NSRI, Nutech Ventures, and UNeMed representatives also will be available answer questions.

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Submission of Applications:

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Application Format and Content

Online text entry and PDF file uploads



the PI/Co-PIs eventual extramural funding application or invention will/does represent a *conceptual innovation*



PI and Co-PI CVs

Upload CVs for each PI/Co-PI as a single PDF. The PI's CV should be first. Follow a current format acceptable to a federal funding agency or foundation; the same format must be used for all CVs. Do not use formats that will result in individual CVs more than 5 pages long.

Review Process

Applications will first be screened to determine if all RFA guidelines have been met, including (but not limited to) retreat participation, general eligibility, formatting, collaboration requirements, and budget amounts. Proposals will be assessed by NU research faculty or research administrators. Proposals seeking multi-year support totaling in the \$100,000-150,000 range may be reviewed by external reviewers. The primary evaluation criteria will be reviewers' evaluative summaries.⁶ Reviewers will also use a scoring rubric to assist them with providing the evaluative summary:

- a) Justification/description of significance, innovation, and impact (25 points);
- b) Evidence of research question(s) alignment to priorities of an existing extramural funding opportunity [or for ideation/innovation grants, have potential market or markets been identified] (25 points);
- c) Justification of approach/work plan that will enhance an extramural research application [or further the invention process] (35 points);
- d) Meaningful collaborations/roles/responsibilities defined for PI/Co-PIs (5 points);
- e) Budget and facilities adequate to support the plan of work (5 points); and
- f) Realistic and achievable timetable (5 points).

Post Award Management, Obligations, and Reporting Requirements: PIs will be required to submit a brief project initiation report 90 days after the award start date. During the award period, programmatic progress and detailed financial reports will be due 30 days after each award anniversary. A final report will be due 60 days following the award's end date. All reports will be submitted using a form linked to your application via the <https://nuramp.nebraska.edu> website. Because the purpose of this program is to enhance the University of

