

RESTRICTED RFP - CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Agency: Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT)

Bioscience Discovery Evaluation Grant Program (HB1001)

[Proof of Concept Rules & Application \(PDF\)](#)

The Bioscience Discovery Evaluation Grant Program was created by the Colorado legislature to foster development of the bioscience and biofuels industries in Colorado, supporting both new business development and quality jobs for Coloradans. Grants have been available to develop technologies coming out of Colorado's non-profit, research institutions. Grant cycles are now open for Proof-of-Concept projects that will advance the commercial potential of promising technologies.

The Proof-of-Concept grants under the Bioscience Discovery Evaluation Grant Program (BDEGP) are intended to support bioscience discoveries that will likely lead to the development of new products, services, businesses and employment in the bioscience industry in Colorado. Grants up to \$150,000 will be accessible to Offices of Technology Transfer (OTT) affiliated with qualified Research Institutions in order to enhance the commercial potential of **bioscience and biofuels research projects** that focus on life sciences, engineering, material sciences computer sciences, photonics, or nanotechnology.

Eligibility: Research Institutions located and operating in Colorado that are public or private, nonprofit institutions of higher education, nonprofit teaching hospitals, or private, nonprofit medical and research centers. For-profit entities are not eligible for the Program. Applications will be submitted by the (OTT) affiliated with one of the Research Institutions. All grants are awarded to OTTs at qualified Research Institutions; the OTTs will distribute the grant funds to universities for the specific approved project.

Cost Share Requirement: \$1:\$1 Minimum. Allowable matching funds include college/departmental funds, grants/donations from individuals, private industry, foundations, and other specific funds as approved by the state's OEDIT office on a case-by-case basis and specifically dedicated for use in the proposed bioscience or biofuels research project.

F&A Rate Cap: 8% of the total budget.

Maximum Budget: Proof-of-Concept projects can receive a maximum matching grant of \$150,000¹. However, CSU is requesting that matching requests be limited to \$75,000 in order to maximize the number of grants funded at CSU. Requests to exceed \$75,000 should be directed toward one of the individuals listed below.

The on-campus nomination process:

- All budgets must be submitted and approved by OSP at least five (5) working days prior to the application deadline (October 20, 2008).
- Submit a full application by e-mail to the CSURF Technology Transfer Office at HB1001@csurf.colostate.edu, by **5pm on October 20, 2008**.
- If selected for submission to OEDIT for funding, Principal Investigators will be notified no later than November 15th.
- All proposers should also submit an invention disclosure(s) relating to new innovations disclosed/proposed within the application. If there is an existing invention disclosure on file with CSURF, please note the invention reference number.

Proposals will be competitively evaluated by a Bioscience Discovery Evaluation Grant Committee (BDEGC). Applications will be evaluated on the potential for commercial application/success, and on scientific merit. The

¹ The \$150,000 maximum relates to funding from OEDIT. Matched funding provides a minimum of 1:1 additional funding. Thus, an example of a project budget might include \$75K from OEDIT and \$75K of match from industry, for a total project budget (with F&A) of \$150K.

potential for the creation of new bioscience companies and additional primary jobs in Colorado is a key interest of the BDEGC, and a consideration by the BDEGC in evaluating applications.

Questions may be directed to any of the following individuals:

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