

## Request for Proposals: Advanced Industry Accelerator Proof of Concept (POC) Grant Program

<http://csuventures.org/advanced-industries-ai-accelerator-program-now-accepting-applications-for-poc-grants/>

The Advanced Industries (AI) Accelerator Programs were created in 2013 by the Colorado Legislature to promote the success of seven designated industries in the State of Colorado. These industries include: Aerospace, Advanced Manufacturing, Bioscience, Electronics, Energy and Natural Resources, Infrastructure Engineering, and Technology and Information. A portion of these funds are made available for proof of concept (POC) research occurring at Colorado research institutions and are allocated through the technology transfer offices. For FY2019, CSU Ventures has been allocated over \$450,000 to award to POC projects at Colorado State University.

The AI POC grant funding is intended to identify and pull technologies developed at research institutions and connect them to the private sector where they can be developed into products. Competitive applications demonstrate significant economic impact or competitive advantage for Colorado and the advanced industries by accelerating the pace of applied research and leading to the rapid commercialization of products and services.

### Application Instructions:

To begin the application process, please submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) to [info@csuventures.org](mailto:info@csuventures.org) by **4pm on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018**, using the template provided on the CSUV [website](#).

Here are some important components of the program:

- Available funds
  - Proposals may request up to **\$100,000** in funding (not including matching funds).
  - There is a **1:3 (For every 1 dollar provided by the applicant, 3 dollars will be provided by OEDIT) matching requirement** for the AI POC program.
- Matching funds must be cash (no in-kind). Common types of match funds:
  - Unencumbered Federal Funds
  - University Startup Funds
  - College or Departmental Funds
  - Private Company Contributions
- As a part of the program, grant awardees will participate in the Research to Market (R2M) stakeholder discovery program. This program is an exciting opportunity to gain critical insights into target markets, barriers to market entry as well as strategies to develop comprehensive business plans. This program includes workshops as well as intensive classroom instruction.

Applicants invited to submit full applications will be emailed the full application template, which needs to be completed by 4pm on August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018. At this stage, CSU Ventures staff may work with you to add additional money to your budget for patent or market research costs; CSU Ventures will provide matching funds for these budget additions. **Budgets for full applications need to be approved by CSU's Office of Sponsored Programs prior to submitting the full application.**

### Timeline:

- July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – LOIs due to CSU Ventures by 4pm
- July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – Select applicants will be invited to submit a full application
- August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018- POC prep Workshop I
- August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – Budgets due to CSU Office of Sponsored Programs
- August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – Full applications due
- September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018– Notify Applicants of Funding Decisions
- September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018- POC Prep Workshop II
- September 26-28<sup>th</sup>, 2018- Research to Market (R2M) Introductory Meetings
- November 8-9<sup>th</sup>, 2018- Research to Market (R2M) Closing Meetings