



THE INSTITUTE FOR  
**WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL  
RESILIENCE**  
STETSON UNIVERSITY

## **Faculty Seed Grant Program**

### **2018 Grant Cycle**

Call for Proposals: February 28, 2018

Information session: March 14, 2018, Noon-1:00pm, Sage Hall, Room 105

April 2, 2018: Proposals due

April 16, 2018: Award announcement

Project Reports: Due by December 15, 2018

Funding expenditure: Preferably focused on work done in Summer 2018; summer salary paid and equipment purchased before June 30, 2018

### **Purpose and Scope**

The purpose of the Stetson University Institute for Water and Environmental Resilience Faculty Seed Grant Program is to support faculty-led pilot projects that align with the Institute's **four focus areas**:

- Florida Springs
- Indian River Lagoon
- Coastal Resilience
- Sustainability Management

Projects may encompass formal research, public outreach or service learning projects based in the natural sciences, social sciences, education, humanities, arts, business, or law that promote solutions to challenges associated with the four focal areas.

Priority will be given to projects that:

- Have high potential for ongoing funding through external sources
- Are collaborative or interdisciplinary
- Involve external partners from other educational institutions or organizations
- Involve Stetson students, younger students, or community education

Proposed projects may vary in scope, with funding amounts ranging from \$1,500 to \$10,000. Up to \$22,500 will be distributed across all projects.

## **Selection Process for New Awards**

A Faculty Seed Grant Awards Subcommittee of the Institute for Water and Environmental Resilience Faculty Steering Committee will review proposals. The FSG Awards Subcommittee will include three (3) faculty members from the College of Arts and Sciences, one from the School of Business, and one from the College of Law.

The proposals will be assessed on the following criteria:

- significance of the proposal relative to the IWER Focus Areas
- clarity and feasibility of the project plan, timeline, and outcomes
- potential impact of the project for addressing challenges within the IWER Focus Areas
- degree of innovation in the proposed work and expected outcome(s)
- scope of collaborations and relevance of collaborator expertise to the goals of the proposal
- likelihood of development of the proposed project to attract external support

Because the review committee is not asked to provide extensive written feedback on the applications, detailed reviewer responses will not be provided.

## **Project Proposals Should Include:**

1. Project background and significance, including how the proposed research fits with one or more of the Focus Areas of the Institute for Water and Environmental Resilience
2. Project description and implementation plan, including timeline
3. Project evaluation plan, with specific metrics
4. Expected project outcomes (or deliverables) and anticipated next phases, including potential future sources of external funding
5. Detailed budget (1 page maximum)
6. Evidence of initiation of IACUC and IRB approval process, if necessary
7. Principal Investigator and research team members, including titles and departmental affiliations, and description of what each person will accomplish, including specific details on how he/she is critical to the project
8. Curriculum Vitae (CV) of the Principal Investigator

Maximum proposal length (sections 1-4 above) is **2,000 words** excluding cover page (see template on next page) and sections 5-8 above. Include the name of the Principal Investigator and page number in a header at top right of each page.

Proposals are due April 2, 2018. Submit by emailing all proposal sections as a single pdf to Shelley Gentile at [sgentile@stetson.edu](mailto:sgentile@stetson.edu)



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## **Faculty Seed Grant Proposal**

IWER Focus Area:

Proposal Title:

Stetson University Principal Investigator(s):

Stetson University College or School/Department:

Contact information: Phone: Email:

Co-Investigator(s) and Professional Affiliation(s) (Institution/Department):

Abstract (150 words):