

FY 2018 ICTAS Diversity & Inclusion Seed Grant Request for Proposals

ICTAS is soliciting proposals from Virginia Tech faculty for funding opportunities with anticipated support beginning October 1st, 2017 (FY 2018). The objective of this program is to build direct faculty-to-faculty research partnerships between faculty at Virginia Tech and faculty at HBCUs or other under-represented college programs/minority institutions. This activity may be in the form of sharing lab equipment and space, sharing technologies, or traveling to present and develop partnerships. Faculty will self-identify partnerships based on their specific research areas. Ultimately, ICTAS expects the partnerships to result in future research proposals.

ICTAS has approximately \$150,000 available for funding diversity and inclusion seed grants. The award amount is \$10,000 per proposal and it is anticipated 10 awards will be made in the first submission round. Please submit proposals by September 1st, 2017.

We anticipate funding an additional 5 proposals in a second, smaller round that are born directly from the HBCU Summit. ICTAS wants to help with partnership opportunities derived out of the HBCU Summit being held October 15-16, 2017. These proposals should be submitted in the same format specified below but with a due date of November 1, 2017.

One-page proposal submissions will be considered for award. If selected following a panel review, the following guidelines will be in effect:

- There is a limit of a one page proposal submission per faculty member
- The expected budget and any equipment or supply/material purchases needs to be expressly stated in the proposal.
- Funding may be used to cover Virginia Tech faculty/student travel, student wages, GRAs and supplies and materials.
- Funding may not be used for faculty salaries, equipment purchases not expressly stated in the proposal, to pay salary or wages for non-Virginia Tech faculty or

students or to reimburse travel expenses for faculty at other universities traveling to conferences other than to Blacksburg

Please send any questions, concerns and proposal submissions to Chris Tysor, ICTAS Diversity & Inclusion Coordinator, ctysor@vt.edu.