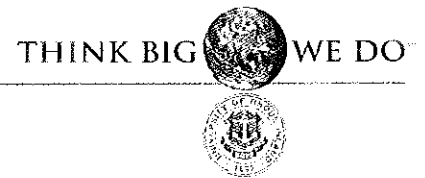



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TO: The University Community

FROM: Peter Alfonso, Ph.D.   
Vice President for Research and Economic Development

SUBJ: Equipment and Laboratory Infrastructure Renovation Award

We are pleased to announce the availability of a \$500,000 fund to renovate existing laboratory infrastructure and upgrade associated equipment that would enhance the University's research mission. Proposals can be submitted by individual faculty or groups of faculty and must include statements of support from departments, colleges, or centers indicating the level of cost-sharing commitment. Cost-sharing is required and preference will be given to proposals that are supported by at least a one-to-one commitment.

The submission deadline is March 26, 2010. Proposals should be addressed to the Office of the Vice President for Research and Economic Development. Professor Mark Wood, the Chair of the Council for Research, and I will serve as co-chairs of the review committee. Ten experienced researchers from the University's colleges and schools will constitute the review committee.

Proposals must include the following:

1. A statement of the individual or laboratory research agenda and how the proposal addresses that agenda.
2. A justification of impact indicating the number of faculty and research projects that would be affected.
3. A history of the effectiveness of the laboratory and/or equipment and how the renovation or upgrade will lead to future contributions.
4. A budget summary.
5. A cost-sharing plan demonstrating the source of committed funds. Cost-sharing funds can be committed over FY10 and FY11 fiscal years.
6. Proposals are restricted to five pages.

Criteria for Award Selection

1. Scholarly merit of the proposal and the significance of the research agenda.
2. Strength of justification on the future impact on the laboratory renovation or equipment upgrade.
3. Number of faculty and students benefitting from the award.
4. Potential for increasing scholarly achievement and external research funding.
5. History of individual or laboratory success in receiving external funding.
6. Level of department, college, or other source of cost-sharing.

Award announcements are expected on about May 1, 2010, and funds will become available immediately. Please feel free to contact Professor Wood or me if you require additional information.

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Council for Research