BBI Seed Grant FAQ

NOTICE - deadline has been extended - the new deadline is Tuesday, January 17 by 5 pm EST

SUBMISSION

My team received a FY16 seed grant from BBI and have submitted a proposal to an external agency. We still have more pilot data to collect. Can we submit a proposal for an extension of the previous seed grant?

Yes, a proposal can be submitted for the FY17 BBI seed grant call. However, your team needs to indicate in the project summary and the body of the proposal that it is an extension application to your existing seed grant project. It is VERY important that the key accomplishments/results are highlighted. You should NOT assume that the reviewers already know about your initial project and its goals!

Do the PIs have to be from different departments?

The BBI seed grants are intended to be multidisciplinary. They will be reviewed on the necessity of the collaboration, so please describe how your proposal team meets this criterion.

I will be a PI along with two other PI from different departments. Do we need signatures of all their chairs and deans?

Yes. Please copy the signature page. Be sure to have all chairs/deans sign.

Are no cost extensions allowed?

No. These awards are meant to be 1 year only; no-cost extensions will not be approved.

Can I include collaborators outside of UMD?

Yes, you can include outside collaborators, but no money will be awarded to support non-UMD investigators.

BUDGET

Can I pay a graduate student on the BBI funds?

Yes! We encourage the use of graduate students on the seed grants.

Do I include indirect costs in my budget?

No, this is internally funded. No IDC is required.

Are there any matching funds from Schools, or permission required, for BBI seed grants?

There are no matching funds from the department or college.
Signatures of the chair(s) and Dean(s) are required and signify that they are aware that the PIs are submitting a proposal to the BBI FY17 Seed Grant Program.

I am confused about the budget template. I want to include a graduate student in the budget ($25.000 salary, plus 40% fringe plus 20 credits of tuition). Does the combined total of salary, fringe, and tuition count toward the max budget of $100k (e.g., track 1)?

Please see the draft budget on page 3 for clarification. In the draft, salaries go in the top cost category and count toward the total $100k budget. The fringe and tuition are noted in separate cost categories AND are not included in the maximum proposed cost for the tracks.

FORMAT

What kind of bio format do you want for the organizers?

Any format is fine. No longer than 2 pages per PI.

Do references count towards the overall page limit?
No, the references to not count towards the overall page limit.

Who do I contact if I have questions?

All questions can be sent to BBIumd@umd.edu.

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BUDGET PAGE

<u>Allowable Expenses</u>: Research supplies; purchase or rental of equipment for new research; salary support for a temporary position (1 year or less) for technicians, research associates (post-docs) and/or graduate students, and service charges for campus facilities.

<u>Unallowable Expenses</u>: Salaries for PIs, conference travel, administrative support, general telephone services and postage, alterations or renovations of laboratory space, purchase of laboratory or office furniture, purchase of periodicals and books, and dues and memberships in scientific societies.

Cost Categories	Description	Costs
PREDOCTORAL STUDENT	FT grad student	25.000
POSTDOCTORAL STUDENT	FT	48000
HOURLY Personnel	na	na
Equipment (must be well justified)	na	na
SUPPLIES	Electrodes, animals costs, animal care	10000
OTHER (detail)	na	na
Total costs (not to exceed max of track)		83000
Predoc fringe Provide Fringe %	40%	10000
Postdoc fringe Provide Fringe %	40%	19200
Hourly fringe Provide Fringe %	na	na
Total Fringe Costs		29200
Tuition (detail)	20 credits of in state tuition	10680
Total Tuition Costs		10680
Total of all Costs	122,880	