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## University of Maryland, College Park (UMD) and Smithsonian Institution (SI) 2016 - Seed Grants for Research Program

The University of Maryland, College Park (UMD) and the Smithsonian Institution continue to solidify and enhance the collaboration that has existed between the two institutions over many years. As part of continuing activities to foster the existing relationship and to forge new areas of collaboration, UMD and SI will again support the joint competitive Seed Grants for Research Program in 2016.

Now in its 7th year, the intent of this initiative is to encourage **new** teams of investigators to cross institutional and disciplinary boundaries, to enhance established collaborative teams to move to the next level in their research, to establish specific high impact research foci and/or generate preliminary data to support new areas of endeavor and to encourage research that leads to new funding opportunities.

**Deadline** – Sunday, **April 10th, 2016** – apply online at:

[umd.infoready4.com/CompetitionSpace/#competitionDetail/1747887](http://umd.infoready4.com/CompetitionSpace/#competitionDetail/1747887)

**Review** – April/May

**Notification of Awardees** – June

**Funding Begins** - July

**Available Funding** – Four to Six awards of \$25,000 to \$50,000

**Note:** For the UMD Budget: There is a cost-share, where VPR pays 50% of the UMD requested budget and the benefiting unit (Department and/or College and/or other funds) contributes the other 50%.

**Length of Award** – 12 months (all unused funds after 12 months must be returned)

**Program Focus** - This award program seeks to encourage groups of researchers (minimum of two PIs— one from each organization) to collaborate on new avenues of research that would not otherwise be explored by either institution alone.

**Eligibility** – An individual may serve as PI on only one team project.

**UMD** – All full-time faculty at the rank of assistant professor, assistant research scientist or higher – whose PRIMARY appointment is at UMD.

**SI** – All scientific and scholarly staff of the Smithsonian Institution. Smithsonian Fellows, Research Associates, and affiliated federal agency staff are not eligible to apply as Principle Investigators (PIs), but may participate on the project.

**Expectations** – Within 12 months a proposal for external funding can and will be submitted. Awardees are also expected to report outcomes and participate in future program events. Three progress reports must be made at one year, two years, and three years after receipt of award.

**Guidelines and all application material templates may be found at <http://umd.infoready4.com>.**

## Application Requirements:

<b><u>Cover Page (1 page) including:</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed Research (maximum 5 single-spaced pages) including:</u></b>
<i>Title of Project</i>	<i>Project Motivation</i> - rationale for project and advantage of the UMD-SI collaboration
<i>Names of all Co-PI's (specify position and affiliation)</i>	<i>Project Description</i> - including approach, expected outcomes; targeted timeline for objectives
<i>Statement of Collaborative Effort</i> –how the collaboration between the investigators is necessary to move this research forward. If this is an existing collaboration, describe how this seed funding will take the collaborative research to the next level of success.	<i>Describe how this interaction/collaboration will impact your research program's future direction</i>
<i>Signatures of PIs, UMD Chair(s) and Dean(s) (for cost share), and SI Supervisor(s)</i>	
<b><u>Additional Information</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Bibliographic References</i> - including full titles</li> <li>• <i>Biosketches</i> - NIH or NSF format (all senior personnel)</li> <li>• <i>Future Funding Source(s)</i> - be explicit-which program in which agency will be targeted for a full proposal of this type</li> <li>• <i>Targeted deadline for external funding proposal(s) submission</i></li> </ul>	<p><i>Amount of Seed Funding requested</i> - be specific about what the funds will be used for and how the PIs will allocate funds between UMD and SI. An budget template is provided for your reference/use on CompetitionSpace</p> <p>(Salaries for PIs; secretarial support; general telephone services and postage; alterations or renovations of laboratory space; purchase of laboratory or office furniture; purchase or binding of periodicals and books; dues and memberships in scientific societies are not allowable expenses.)</p> <p><b>For the UMD Budget: There is a <u>cost-share</u>, where VPR pays 50% of the UMD requested budget and the benefiting unit (Department and/or College and/or other funds) contributes the other 50%.</b></p>

## Questions regarding the program may be directed to:

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