Ecology, Evolution, and Behavior (EEB) Program - 2024-2025

Request for Seed Grant Proposals -- DUE MARCH 1, 2024

The EEB Seed Grant program seeks to catalyze and support EEB researchers in developing highly collaborative, ambitious and exciting projects that have potential to lead to external funding for: research, tool development, training grants, or centers/institutes. The program will prioritize collaborative projects that are moving towards submitting a grant to an external RFP, led by MSU within the next year. All projects are required to submit an external proposal at the end of their seed grant.

Eligibility: Teams that represent new collaborations among EEB faculty or external partners; OR proposals from existing teams on new and promising directions. All core EEB faculty are eligible to apply for a seed grant.

Logistical details: Seed grants can be used to cover a wide range of costs that will maximize the likelihood a future planned proposal is funded. The maximum request is $20k per project, although we expect most projects will have lower budgets. EEB will collaborate with other MSU entities (e.g. AgBioResearch) and may share proposals (with permission of PIs) in an effort to co-sponsor worthy projects and maximize use of available funds. The timeline will be similar in succeeding years. If a proposal opportunity comes up unexpectedly outside the regular timeline, contact the Seed Committee co-chairs and/or the EEB Director to discuss eligibility.

The deadline for FY24 proposals is March 1, 2024 with a target dissemination of funds to selected projects in April 2024. EEB expects to award $100,000 of funding in FY24.

Proposals should be uploaded [here](#).
You will receive an email indicating that your proposal was received within two days. If you do not receive an email, please send a message to the seed committee co-chairs: Emily Dolson ([dolsonem@msu.edu)](#) or Pat Soranno ([soranno@msu.edu),](#) and [eeb@msu.edu](#).

In addition to filling out the information in the webform, proposals should contain the following information (points 1-8) in one pdf file:

Two pages maximum with the following sections:
1) Title of seed grant proposal
2) The title of the external RFP solicitation to which the PI plans to submit and a link to the website with a description of the RFP
3) The target proposal submission date to the external RFP
4) List of key personnel, their roles on the project (e.g., PI, co-PI, etc.), job titles, and department/program affiliations
5) State whether you have previously received an EEB seed grant and, if yes, the outcome. Although the primary purpose of the seed grants is to increase the success rate of proposal

submissions, you should also list any other products, such as publications, that resulted from, for example, the analysis of preliminary data that was funded by a seed grant and used in a proposal.

Two pages maximum for the project description:
6) Project description including: a summary of the proposal for the external RFP, including how the proposed work is innovative and would result in major new innovations or collaborations led by MSU. The description should also include the status of the external proposal, and how seed funds can help facilitate completion of the proposal and/or increase the quality of the proposal/project (maximum two pages).

One page maximum:
7) Budget and justification.

Abbreviated CVs:
8) CV of project lead(s) (we encourage a brief, 2-page cv with recent publications, grants, and significant service activities, including EEB activities).