ARD Strategic Funding Program

Request for Applications
No Deadline—Applications Accepted in NuRamp Throughout the Year

PURPOSE: The goal of this program is to provide funding to IANR faculty with an ARD appointment for unique, short-term needs that are *not usually* met by state allocations, grants, or other internal funding programs. Examples of projects that could be supported by this funding mechanism include requests for:

- Temporary operating and/or salary for personnel shortfalls;
- Purchases or repair of equipment used for research;
- Renovation or enhancement of research facilities;
- Travel to research sites; or
- Other miscellaneous items necessary to support and strengthen the research mission of ARD and UNL.

This program is *not* designed to provide seed funding for collection of preliminary data used to support new extramural applications for research funding. Requests for support for projects that were previously declined for funding from another ARD internal funding opportunity *should not* be made, unless the original application was determined to be ineligible based on not meeting programmatic or eligibility requirements.

Applications submitted by ARD faculty *must* have the full support of the appropriate IANR Unit Administrator. IANR faculty are *strongly* encouraged to communicate with IANR Unit Administrators (e.g., Department Head/Chair and/or Center Director) to discuss the availability of matching funds from the unit(s). Applications for ARD Strategic funding will *usually* require matching funds from the unit and/or applicant(s).

Prior to submitting an application, faculty and Unit Administrators should determine if there are other existing, internal competitive programs designed to address the need(s). Examples of other internal funding opportunities are listed on the ARD website (http://ard.unl.edu/internal-funding-opportunities-calendar) and include: IANR Travel funds for scholarly presentations, ARD Bridge or Revision funds, ARD Hatch Multistate Research funds, the Office of Research and Economic Development (ORED), the Research Council, etc.

ELIGIBILITY: On the project start date, the lead Principal Investigator/Project Director (PI/PD) must have a tenure-track appointment with ARD. Faculty with adjunct appointments or those with research assistant, associate, or full professor titles are eligible, if they have been the lead PI/PD on an extramural grant and such grants were entered in NUgrant with PCS code of "Research" and routed in NUgrant for approvals through IANR administrators. Applications for ARD Strategic funding may include co-PIs/co-PDs and collaborators that are affiliated with any University of Nebraska campus. Co-PI/co-PD(s) or collaborators do not need to be in a tenure-track position, and they may be employed outside the University of Nebraska system.

TIMELINE: ARD will accept applications for ARD Strategic funding throughout the year—there is no application deadline. Applications will be reviewed within 2 weeks of submission; however, please allow at least six weeks between submission of an application and a final funding decision.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS AND APPLICATION FORMAT: Applications for ARD Strategic funding will be accepted **ONLY** via NuRamp (https://nuramp.nebraska.edu) . If you do not know your login name and password please go to http://my.unl.edu/. To start an application, after login, click "[add new application]" next select "ARD Strategic (miscellaneous) 202x". If you need additional assistance, please contact the grant specialist in your business center.

Information required as part of the NUgrant application:

1. **Principal Investigator and Key Personnel** (NUgrant online form)**:** Include a 2-page biographical sketch or vitae for all IANR faculty involved in the project. Upload the biographical sketches for all personnel as one PDF.

2. **Project Title, Start and End Dates:** Include only the time period for which grant support will be provided or the period of time in which expenditures will occur. Allow at least 6 weeks from the date of submission of the application to the start date.

3. **Other Sources of Project Support:** Provide the source and amount of cost share that will be provided by the unit (department or center) or other sources.

4. **Current & Pending Support** (NUgrant online form)**:** Funded and pending *internal* and *external* grants of all UNL faculty involved in the project will be automatically provided for applications.. Key personnel that are not employed by UNL are not required to provide this information.

5. **Funding Request Description** (NUgrant online form—limit of 2,500 characters): If additional space is needed, upload a PDF of the description of the funding request or quotes for equipment in the Principal Investigator and Key Personnel section described above. This section **must** include:

    A. **Goals/Objectives/Expected Outcomes:** As applicable, clearly state the goal(s) and objective(s) of the request. Describe in detail how the funding supports the research mission of UNL, ARD, and the unit. Describe what will be accomplished that cannot be achieved through other means. Describe the expected outcome(s) that would result if the funding request was granted.

    B. **Timeline:** Provide a timeline associated with implementation of the request. Examples include a timeframe for repayment of a loan, purchase and installation of equipment, when the grant would cover salaries or other expenses, etc.

    C. **Future Funding Requests:** Outline how ARD Strategic funding will assist with future applications for external funding. As applicable, clearly describe a plan to submit competitive applications to federal agencies, foundations, commodity groups, etc.

Project Budget: Please use the most recent budget template available on the OSP webpage. Do not include the amount of matching funds in the budget form. The budget justification should describe and justify the total costs of the request as well as the source and amount of matching funds for the project. If funds are requested for more than one state fiscal year, please provide a budget description by state fiscal year and a description for the total, multi-year budget. Obtain assistance from the grants specialist in your business center regarding current rates for employee/student benefits or other assistance in building your budget.

REVIEW PROCESS: The ARD Dean, Associate Dean(s) and Assistant Dean(s) will make final funding decisions. Award announcements will usually be made within six weeks after the submission.

EXPECTATIONS: ARD expects funds to be spent as described in the budget in the application. Requests to carry forward funding will usually not be approved. If significant changes are needed to the proposed budget or the plan of work, ARD must approve these changes as soon as possible. Note that if you receive external funding before the termination of this ARD Strategic funding grant, ARD may ask that you return the unspent funds from this award. In addition, ARD reserves the right to withhold indirect costs from future externally funded grants (related to the topic supported by this ARD Strategic grant) in an amount equal to the amount of this award as repayment for this ARD Strategic grant. This will help ensure future ARD support for additional requests for ARD Strategic funding.

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Questions about the submission process should be directed to
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