Chancellor’s Equipment Grant Program
Office of Research, Graduate Studies, and External Programs
Washington State University Tri-Cities

Description:
Washington State University (WSU) Tri-Cities invites white papers for the Chancellor’s Equipment Grant program, which aims to improve the research infrastructure on the campus by providing funds to purchase new equipment or accessories for existing equipment, which would not be possible to obtain within existing funding sources. The proposed equipment should offer unique capabilities that would be attractive to external funding partners and/or enable researchers to obtain preliminary data for a future proposal for external funding. Special consideration will be given to white papers that propose equipment that has the capacity to serve a broad range of fields and is useful to more than one researcher on the campus, in an interdisciplinary capacity.

The objective of the program is to provide an opportunity for the WSU Tri-Cities faculty members at the rank of an Assistant Professor (clinical or tenure-track), to request a modest amount of funding to obtain additional equipment (or to improve existing equipment) that could not be purchased otherwise and that is essential for specific research directions.

Award Details:
Funding available $25,000
Award range: $1,000 - $10,000
Number of Awards Anticipated: 3 to 5
Award funds must be expended by June 30, 2016
Indirect costs are not allowed.

Application Deadline: **February 25, 2016 5:00 PM**
Please submit the application package as a single PDF document to: chancellor-equipment-grant@tricity.wsu.edu

Award Announcement: **March 15, 2016**

Deliverables and Outcomes:
1. Equipment must be purchased and installed in FY16 (before June 30, 2016).
2. A final 1 page report, stating what proposal has been submitted (or is in preparation) that was enabled by purchase of the new equipment, is due no later than October 31, 2016.

Application contents:
White paper, no more than 2 pages in length, must include:
1. Principal investigator name(s) and affiliation(s)
2. Description of the equipment and how it will build WSU Tri-Cities capabilities
3. Summary of proposed project including a clear statement of how the equipment will leverage future proposals for external research funding.
4. Budget estimate including total cost of equipment and any additional funds provided by the department, if any.

Additional requirements:
A biographical sketch for each PI or Co-PI formatted to current NSF guidelines.
Review criteria:
Proposals should demonstrate that the proposed equipment will:
1. Add unique research capability to WSUTC (20%)
2. Leverage or enable additional external funding (30%)
3. Be shared/made available to other faculty, staff and students (30%)
4. Enable interdisciplinary research (20%)