Call for Applications: ISES Development Grants

ISES seeks to foster research on environmental topics that fits within one of its four thematic foci (Natural Systems, Food and Water, Human Health and Well-Being, Equity and Governance). In this call, the Institute is interested in seeding large and ambitious projects through support for development of collaborative proposals or preliminary studies to move forward larger projects. Projects supported by development grants should be the sort of high risk, high impact projects that require proof of concept or similar initial investment by the university before approaching federal or other funding sources. They should also link fields and methods in innovative ways to enable new forms of scholarship. These grants are not intended to provide support for ongoing activities.

Eligibility

Faculty Fellows of ISES are eligible to serve as PIs on development grants. Regular Faculty may self-nominate or be nominated as Fellows at any time (email Amanda_Lynch@brown.edu for information on self-nominating and on rights and responsibilities). Preference will be given to projects that involve multiple ISES Faculty Fellows as co-PIs. Other faculty or postdoctoral fellows (and others) may participate in the project, but cannot serve as PIs.

Budget

Development grants have a maximum budget of $60,000. Funds may be spent on travel, salary for students or research assistants, supplies, or any other university-approved expense with the exception of regular faculty salary (academic year or summer). Supplemental funds may be available to support salary of faculty in soft money positions; please email Leah_VanWey@brown.edu for information as early in preparing your proposal as possible.

How to Apply

Deadline: September 30

Applicants should submit a brief (3 page maximum) proposal describing their proposed project, documenting relevant past or current work, describing the expected outcomes, and specifying what new activities will be supported through this grant that are not currently being funded by other sources. A detailed budget and timeline should be included with the proposal. Awards should be spent by the end of the 2015-2016 fiscal year, with at least one reportable outcome by the end of the current fiscal year (June 30, 2015).

Review of applications

Applications will be reviewed by a committee of ISES Faculty Fellows within 15 days of the application deadline. Applicants will be notified soon thereafter, and funds will be available immediately.

Questions: please contact Leah VanWey (Leah_VanWey@brown.edu)