TechPrep Foundation Request for Proposals

The TechPrep Foundation has asked for the assistance of BYU’s Technology Transfer Office in soliciting research proposals, which the foundation will fund through ORCA. The foundation seeks to fund late-stage research projects that have commercial promise.

Applicants should include a report briefly describing the background, history, and status of their proposed projects. Projected timelines, milestones, and expected outcomes should be included, along with a budget. For the budget, please use the latest BYU Proposal Summary found at https://orca.byu.edu/research/docs/ProposalSummarySheetJuly30-2018.xlsx). No indirect cost is allowed by the sponsor. As with all sponsored project proposals, prior approval to submit should be obtained by routing through the chair and college dean’s office.

Proposals of no more than 5 pages should be submitted no later than October 31, 2018 by 5 PM to Colleen Kohler at colleen_kohler@byu.edu. A multidisciplinary committee will review all submissions.

The top applicants will each make a 15-minute presentation to the judges, followed by a 15-minute question and answer period (total of 30 minutes per proposal). Awards will be announced by the foundation.

By accepting a grant from the foundation, recipients agree to:

1. Waive a portion of the income they would otherwise receive pursuant to the BYU Intellectual Property Policy from the commercialization of any inventions creating during the proposed research. Instead of receiving 45% of the net income from commercialization, the inventor(s) will receive 37.5% (the inventors college and university will also jointly contribute 10% of their share). The waived portion will be used to support future grants of this type.
2. Provide an in-person progress review to the foundation quarterly.
3. Participate in a market study relating to the inventions created.
4. Be available as a consultant to any future licensee of the inventions created.