

Interdisciplinary Research (IDR) Origination Awards

Call for Proposals | Jan 20, 2027 Letter of Intent Deadline

DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this program is to foster new BYU interdisciplinary research leading to future external funding. Principal investigators and co-investigators must be CFS-track faculty. This program is made possible by the Simmons Research Endowment.

TRACKS IDR teams apply to *one* of the following tracks:

- Track 1: Team composed of faculty from at least 2 colleges and 3 departments \$60,000 each year for 2 years. Three awards.
- Track 2: Team composed of faculty from at least 1 college and 3 different departments or programs within a department \$20,000 each year for 2 years. Two awards.

Principal Investigators (PIs) will designate which Track they are applying for on the Letter of Intent (LOI). Faculty members cannot be a PI on both a Track 1 and a Track 2 proposal but can participate in multiple proposals. Track 1 and Track 2 proposals should be substantially different (Track 2 cannot be a subset of a Track 1 proposal).

PROPOSAL The proposal should consist of the components listed below. If these components are not included the proposal will be disqualified.

- Cover page (1 page)
- Project narrative (up to 5 pages)
- Budget and budget narrative (up to 1 page)
- References (no page limit)
- Plans for external funding (up to 1 page)
- Biographical sketch for each PI (up to 2 pages per PI)
- Current and pending support (no page limit; list all funding for all PIs and co-PIs by title, source, and amount – not just funding related to your project)
- All components should be in Times New Roman 12 pt font; 1-inch margins.

DEADLINE Jan 20, 2027: Letter of Intent deadline. Submit LOI via form at [IDR Awards - BYU Research Development](#)
Feb 17, 2027: Proposal deadline. Proposals should be submitted to rdadmin@byu.edu as a PDF.

SELECTION Recipients are selected by a committee consisting of members of the University Research Council or their designees. Awards are based on:

- Strong potential for external funding following the IDR award.
- Potential to produce significant scientific, cultural, creative and/or societal impacts.
- A clearly articulated problem statement.
- Identified measures of success and achievable milestones.
- Diverse interdisciplinary research partnerships with clear team member contributions

USE OF FUNDS IDR Awards must be used to support interdisciplinary research that leads to proposal(s) for external funding. Funds may be used for travel, equipment, supplies, contractual services, and core/shared user facility use, graduate and undergraduate student wages and/or salary for technical personnel where needed. Funds may NOT be used to replace funding from another source; for renovation of research laboratories or core/shared facilities; for faculty salary; or for instructional release/course buyout.

REPORTING Awardees will present brief oral reports at the Research Networking Event. Written reports are due on August 1 after each year of funding. The final report should describe external proposal(s) and their status, and other research outcomes (publications, student mentoring activities, and other results of note). A report template will be provided to the PI by the BYU Research Development Office.