2026-2027 ORED Multidisciplinary Research Grants

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Source: Office of Research & Economic Development (ORED), California State University, Long Beach

Objective: ORED is supporting this research grant program to promote proposal submission for major external funding. We encourage multidisciplinary research collaborations and partnerships. Applications to develop full proposals on any fundable topic are eligible. Funds are to be used for academic year 2026-2027.

Deadline: **Friday, December 11, 2026** by 5:00 p.m.

Project Type: Multidisciplinary Research

Fund Award: ***A total of $100,000 has been allocated for this grant.***

Awarded funds are available for a period of 12 months ***(No extensions; No carryovers). Maximum Award is $15,000 per proposal.*** Awardees of the grant will be announced by March 2026.

Eligibility: All CSULB tenured and tenure-track faculty are eligible to apply for this award. The application will be jointly submitted by at least two faculty research investigators appointed in different disciplines. Preference will be given to proposals that will result in applications to Federal Funding agencies in response to standing solicitations carrying at least 26% indirect cost. Past Research Grant recipients must have submitted both a final report and a full length, external grant application through ORED based upon the ORED Multidisciplinary Research Grant to be eligible for funding. ORCiD (https://orcid.org/) account number is required to complete the proposal application.

To Apply: A complete electronic copy of the proposal package must be submitted via Info-Ready (https://csulb.infoready4.com/) by the deadline along with an approval from the applicant's Department Chair(s) for assigned time, if budgeted.

A. Proposal: The proposal is limited to ***six*** 8.5"x11" pages with one-inch margins on all sides, single-spaced, in Arial 11-point font. The following format is recommended:

1. Project Title
2. Contact Information of the PI(s)
3. Introduction/Background
4. Objectives/Goals/Specific Aims
5. Needs/Innovation/Significance
6. Methods/Analysis
7. Plan(s) to Apply for External Funding (Identify potential Funding Source, anticipated proposed amount and F&A rate allowed for each Funding Source identified)
8. Timeline
9. Budget & Budget Justification
10. Reference/Bibliography
11. Past Awardee – provide outcome of research including External Grant funding secured.

* ***Please also (a)attach two-page research vitae of the Principal Investigators; the vitae in addition to the six-page proposal, and (b) submit a list of current and pending support for each Investigator. Pending support include proposals that have been submitted or will be submitted simultaneously with the current proposal.***

B. Allowable Budget Items

- Faculty assigned time (replacement rate)
- Student wages
- Travel for project related activities (≤ $1,000 per investigator unless fully justified)
- Equipment (≤ 30% of the total budget requested) needed to carry out the project
- Supplies and materials

C. Faculty/staff stipends are ***not*** allowed. Inclusion of student participants, especially undergraduate students, is strongly encouraged.

D. The lead faculty researcher is responsible for submitting a final report within 90 days after the ORED Research Grant expiration date.

E. It is ***required*** that faculty will submit grant application(s) to seek external funding (≥$100,000 in direct funding with at least 26% F&A rate) to continue the research endeavor beyond the initial CSULB research support within one year of receiving the ORED Research Grant.

F. **Review Criteria:** Each proposal will be reviewed by at least two reviewers with expertise in related fields. Overall quality and merit of each application will be evaluated using the following criteria: Intrinsic Merit, including level of Multidisciplinary Collaboration (20%); Potential for External Funding and level of external funding (20%); Methodology/Approach to Achieve Goals (15%); Innovation/Contribution to Field (15%); Research Qualifications of PI(s)/Track Record (10%); Student Participation (10%); and Budget Planning (10%).