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Faculty Collaborative Grant-writing Funds

Background:

The Water Resources Institute (WRI) is a newly established entity at UVM, approved by the university's Board of Trustees in May 2024. The institute builds on a long record of success in water research at UVM. The WRI has established four key goals:

- 1. Enhance the flow of information and ideas by establishing a hub of water research at the nexus of natural and social sciences, human health, design, engineering, and governance.
- 2. Educate the next generation of problem solvers on water issues and water justice.
- 3. Coordinate and develop new water-related programs, facilities, and services on campus.
- 4. Build bridges with external academic, nonprofit, state, federal, and international partners that accelerate the translation of research to practice.

The WRI Faculty Collaborative Grant-writing Fund will provide resources to faculty to support their time in pursuing funding opportunities that would build capacity around at least one of the WRI's four key goals. The aim is that this fund will provide resources to support faculty teams on developing and applying for new, large funding initiative stiation and applying for new funding initiative stiation and applying initiative stiation and applying initiative stiation and applying initiative stiation and applying and applying and applying initiative stiation and applying an applying and applying and applying and applying and applying an applying an applying an applying an applying an applying an a

Timeline:

Funding is available to be utilized in Summer 2025 (must be spent by June 30th, 2025). Funding announcements will be made by early March. Applications to support teams pursuing a grant opportunity with a deadline on or before October 2025 will be prioritized.

Expectations:

Teams must commit to regular meetings, appropriate to the complexity and timeline of the funding opportunity, with staf from the <u>Research Development Of ice</u>, who will facilitate grant preparation and accommodate faculty teaching schedules. At the conclusion of the award period, the project team will have a reasonably solid draft of the proposal formed.

Proposal Preparation and Submission Instructions:

The following four elements are required for a complete application:

- 1. **Need** (1 page limit, single-spaced, 1" margins, font size 11 point or larger): Describe the overarching challenge the team seeks to address. What is the intellectual merit of the team's engagement in this area of need? What broader impacts would come from a collaborative research, educational, or outreach initiative addressing this need?
- 2. Request narrative (3-page limit, formatted to match the guidelines in the **Need** section above) with responses to the following:

Who are the faculty members of the grant-writing team?

bring to the ef ort? What aspects of intellectual, career , identity, or other aspects of diversity do they bring to the proposed project? Do members of the team have experience working together or a commitment to common goals? Do any of the team members have a record of requesting or securing external funding? Please provide a link to the UVM faculty profile page for each team member where reviewers will find a short bio and CV

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- 3. (not to exceed 2 pages) detailing how you will use funds to advance the work proposed in the narrative above.
- 4. Letters or emails of support: a statement of support from the Department Chair or administrator responsible for workload negotiations for each member of the team, indicating support for the proposed ef ort.

Proposals shall be submitted through InfoReady by 11:59PMEDT on Monday, February 17th, 2025.

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Proposals will be reviewed by: Whister, members of the desearch revelopment team, and the A: $0.14 \times VP$ for Research (D0.2) This $0.074 \times 1.04 \times VP$ for Research (B)-2.074 (B)-3.074 (B