



Apply Now for Office of Sponsored Programs Seed Grant

What Do You Fund?

The **Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) Seed Grant** may fund any initiative to help move institutions toward building or enhancing a research infrastructure. Below are a few ideas, but this is not a finite list. You may have other ideas, and we'd like to hear about them. It is important to note that this funding mechanism **cannot** be used for faculty research.

- *IMPROVE* – Initiate and improve processes to ensure compliance with NIH guidelines
- *UPGRADE* – Invest in technology to improve OSP operations, such as S2S, budget management software, or others
- *TRAIN* – Professional development and engagement for research administrators (NCURA, NORDP, SRAI, etc.)
- *MANAGE* – Improve financial services around budget development and post-grant management
- *HIRE* – Bring in a professional to get a program started or augment existing staff to address shortages

Budget information: Up to \$25,000 direct costs plus applicable institutionally indirect costs.

Duration of funding: March 1 – August 31, 2026

Application materials: Maximum 2-pages expressing the need and expected outcomes, Budget, Budget Justification, Quote (if applicable), and AOR approval letter.

Application deadline: March 1, 2026

For more information and to apply, visit: <https://msinbre.org/osp-seed-grant/>