**Grants to Enhance and Advance Research (GEAR)**

**2015-2016 Pre-Proposal Application Form**

Applicants must submit one PDF file to the College where the Principal Investigator has primary academic appointment by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 29, 2016.

Applications submitted late will not be considered. Review the guidelines for the 2015-2016 GEAR Program. Only proposals that meet the criteria for awards, as stated in the guidelines, will be considered and/or reviewed for funding.

1. **PRE-PROPOSAL COVER PAGE**
2. **PREVIOUS GEAR FUNDING**

State whether you have received any previous GEAR funding. If so, give the project title, award amount, and project start and end dates. Describe the outcome of the project, including proposals that were submitted as a result of the GEAR award and if they were funded. For funded proposals, provide project title, amount, sponsor, project start and end dates, all key personnel (PIs, co-PIs, Investigators) and their respective % shares. Include attachments if appropriate.

1. **PRE-PROPOSAL NARRATIVE**

Each College can determine the length of the pre-proposal narrative. However, it is suggested that the pre-proposal be at least to two double-spaced, single-sided pages and at least 12-point font. The following outline should be used for the narrative portion of the application. Be concise.

* **Introduction.** Emphasize the importance of the project and summarize previous research in the field. Place the major focus of the proposal in proper context. Specify how the proposal will meet the purpose of the criteria of the program as described on page 1 of the GEAR guidelines.
* **Objectives**. Describe the targeted goals and expected outcomes of the project, keeping in mind the criteria for the awards.

1. **INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL FUNDING.** Summarize any prior or current internal and/or external funding that you have received for this area of research. Include project title, amount, sponsor, project start and end dates, all key personnel (PIs, co-PIs, Investigators) and their respective % shares. List potential sponsors and planned proposal submissions.
2. **CURRICULUM VITAE**

Include vitae for all professional personnel who will work on the project. Do not exceed two pages for each individual. The curriculum vitae should indicate the total number of peer-reviewed publications and details of the five most significant for this research.

1. **REFERENCES**

No page limitation; references may be single-spaced.

1. **BUDGET**

Provide a budget for expenditure of the GEAR funds by general category. If you have start-up funding, you must provide additional justifications for the request. In addition, list all current and pending support, both external and internal.

1. **APPENDIX (Optional)**

Example: NIH study section reviews indicating the need for a pilot data.

1. **PRE-PROPOSAL COVER PAGE**

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Select Research Area:

Applied Science/Engineering/Technology Arts/Humanities Biological Sciences/Biomedical Sciences/Bioengineering Computational Sciences/High Performance Computing Material Science Physical Sciences/Mathematics Social and Behavioral Science Other

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Principal Investigator Date

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|  | **Funds Requested** | **Other**  **Funds** | **Total** |
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| Research Assistants |  |  |  |
| Student Wages |  |  |  |
| Non-Student Wages |  |  |  |
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| FRINGE BENEFITS |  |  |  |
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| MAINTENANCE & OPERATION  (e.g . chemicals, supplies, services, copying, postage) |  |  |  |
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| TRAVEL  (may be subject to State of Texas guidelines) |  |  |  |
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| Equipment  (specify items over $1,000 each) |  |  |  |
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| **TOTAL PROJECT COST** |  |  |  |

**BUDGET JUSTIFICATION:** (Justify all costs other than Principal Investigator salary.)

**Also, please list all current and pending support, both external and internal.**

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