

Collaboration for Unprecedented Success and Excellence (CUSE) Grant Program Request for Proposals (RFP) for 2020 Funding Cycle

I. The Purpose of the Program

Syracuse University's Office of Research is pleased to announce the 2020 funding cycle for the CUSE (Collaboration for Unprecedented Success and Excellence) Grant Program. The purpose of this intramural grant program is to enhance interdisciplinary collaborations, to grow the research enterprise and enhance scholarship at Syracuse University in order to increase extramural funding and high-quality scholarly output. The program is designed to support faculty in becoming competitive in securing external funding and sponsorship. CUSE Grants should not be viewed as funds to conduct or complete projects, but rather as seed funding for faculty to build interdisciplinary teams, to produce preliminary data, and/or to seek help to obtain extramural funding that will advance knowledge and technologies through basic, translational, and applied research. The grant program will support faculty research in all disciplines that span across basic, translational and applied sciences, social sciences, physical and life sciences, engineering, liberal arts, humanities, professional schools, creative research, and various forms of all scholarly activities. The expectation is for CUSE Grant Program-funded faculty members to seek extramural support that will increase the national and international recognition of the awardees, their programs, and the university.

In the 2019 round, the CUSE Grant Program funded 69 projects in the humanities, social sciences, creative research areas, and STEM research areas. For the 2020 funding cycle, the CUSE Grant Program will continue to focus on enhancing the reputation of Syracuse University and leveraging extramural funding and prestigious awards by providing four types of intramural grants: 1) the Seed Grant (Seed); 2) the Innovative and Interdisciplinary Research Grant (I2); 3) the Good to Great Grant (G2G), and 4) the Interdisciplinary Seminar Grant (Seminar). See below under "V. Types of application and Funding Levels" for a description of each type of grant.

II. Priority Areas

As noted above, CUSE Grants support a broad range of research areas that span across basic, translational and applied sciences, engineering, social sciences, liberal arts, visual, fine and performing arts, humanities, to creative research and various other forms of scholarly activities. The program specifically focuses on areas that are well aligned with extramural funding, federal, state, corporate, foundations, and philanthropic funds. In particular, priority is given to strategic interdisciplinary initiatives at Syracuse University and disciplinary research areas with great potential for extramural funding and institutional recognition. Examples of interdisciplinary initiatives include, ***but are not limited to:***

- 1) Aging, health, and neuroscience (e.g., aging studies; neuroscience; health disparities; health behavior intervention; neurodevelopmental and neurodegenerative disorders; chronic, emerging and infectious disease; global population health; substance abuse and addictions; depression and post traumatic syndrome; therapeutics research; sport and health; health economics);
- 2) Artificial intelligence, autonomous systems, and the human-technology frontier (e.g., autonomous systems and AI development, design, networks, technology, commercialization, policy, law, and compliance; emerging technologies and the future of work);
- 3) Big data and data analytics (e.g., bioinformatics; epigenetic mechanisms; genomics; business and marketing analytics; financial technologies; socioinformatics; information analytics; network science);

- 4) Bio-enabled science and technology (e.g., drug discovery, delivery and resistance; smart materials; cell and tissue engineering, advanced imaging, optical imaging and force sensors; translational models; medicinal chemistry; mechano-biology; bio-inspired and smart materials);
- 5) Energy and environment (e.g., food systems and climate change; water science; energy systems; global environmental change; smart city technologies and infrastructure; energy conversion and storage; topological materials; sustainability and climate change; environmental humanities);
- 6) Innovation and entrepreneurship (e.g., design thinking; data-focused innovation; marketing innovation; engineering innovation; law and policy for innovation and entrepreneurship);
- 7) Social differences, social justice and culture (e.g., diversity and inclusion; healthy and equitable communities; gender/sexuality advocacy, rights and justice; disability studies, policy and law; combating racism and racial justice; critical ethnic studies; culture and communication, language, expression, and discourses).
- 8) Quantum information sciences (e.g., quantum computing; quantum technologies; quantum optics and integrated photonics; quantum information theory; quantum chemistry; quantum engineering; post-quantum cryptography);
- 9) Citizenship and democratic institutions (e.g., local, national, and global citizenship; journalism, democracy and citizenship; criminal justice and policy; law and society; digital misinformation; inequality and politics; education, work and citizenship); and
- 10) Virtual and immersive interactions (e.g., virtual, extended, and augmented reality; creative and immersive therapies, digital pedagogy, data visualization).

While the CUSE Grant Program encourages interdisciplinary collaborations, applications from disciplinary research areas that are highly innovative, with great potential for significant scholarship and extramural funding opportunities, are encouraged as well.

Special consideration will be given to supporting junior faculty, as helping junior faculty to establish their research programs and succeed is of great importance to the future of Syracuse University.

III. Lead Principal Investigator (PI) Eligibility

Syracuse University encourages collaborations, particularly multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary collaborations. However, for accountability, the primary responsibility for project oversight is on the lead principal investigator (the first name on the grant).

- For all grant categories, Principal Investigator (PI) eligibility follows the institutional requirements set forth in the University's [Statement of Principal Investigator Eligibility](#).
- As CUSE Grants are awarded for a two-year period, no submission of CUSE proposals is allowed for any individual **servicing as a PI on an active CUSE Grant**. PIs on CUSE Grants received in 2018 are eligible only if: 1) The PI has not requested an extension (2018 CUSE Grant funds must be expended by April 30, 2020); and 2) The PI can demonstrate significant results from the 2018 grant, as discussed in section V.2.B. Results from Prior Cuse Grant. If you are a PI on a grant received in 2019, the earliest you can apply again will be 2021.
- Each eligible applicant may submit only one Seed, I2, or G2G proposal serving as the lead PI, but can serve as Co-PI or Co-Investigator (Co-I) on as many projects as the investigator wishes. In addition, an eligible applicant may submit a second proposal as the lead PI for a Seminar Grant.

Collaboration with researchers outside of the University is permitted; however, CUSE Grant funds may not be subcontracted to other institutions.

IV. Project Duration

All CUSE Grants for the approved dollar amount will be fully funded when the account is established, and are two years in duration. The PI has the flexibility within the two years to spend the approved funding. No-cost extensions are permitted, as long as a reasonable justification for the extension is provided. The CUSE Grant can be requested for a maximum extension period of 6 months with the approval of the Office of the Vice President for Research.

V. Types of Application and Funding Levels

- 1) Seed Grant: The funding level of the Seed Grant is capped at \$5,000 per grant for a period of up to two years. Applications may be submitted by individuals or teams.
- 2) Innovative and Interdisciplinary Research Grant (I2): The funding level of the I2 Grant is capped at \$30,000 per grant for a period of up to two years. Applications may be submitted by individuals or teams. If individuals are applying under this category, the applicant must demonstrate the competitiveness of the PI, her/his past success in extramural grants, and the potential for continued success without the need of collaboration.
- 3) Good to Great Grant (G2G): The funding level of the G2G Grant is capped at \$30,000 per grant for a period of up to two years. Applications may be submitted by individuals or teams. For G2G Grant, the lead PI for the G2G proposal must have submitted an unsuccessful (not funded) extramural grant as lead PI, which received “Outstanding”, “Excellent”, or “High priority for funding” reviews from an extramural grant review panel. If a CUSE grant was already awarded under this category for a project, the lead PI is ineligible for this funding category with the same or similar project in the future.
- 4) Interdisciplinary Seminar Grant (Seminar): The funding level of the Seminar Grant is capped at \$10,000 per grant. The application may be submitted by individuals or teams. This grant is designed to cover the costs of an interdisciplinary seminar series (e.g. refreshments, space rental, travel and/or honoraria for invited speakers). The Seminar Grant is not intended to fund research activities of the PI, Co-PI’s or Co-I’s, or costs for departmental seminars.

For each type of program listed above, both individuals and teams are eligible to apply. However, in order to be competitive, **individual applications must demonstrate the highly innovative nature of the work, and team applications must be interdisciplinary.**

VI. Proposal Instructions

- 1) Online application form
 - a. Go to <https://syracuse.infoready4.com>
 - b. Click on the 2020 CUSE Grant Program link in the list of competitions
 - c. On the right hand side, under Application Tools, click “Apply”
 - d. Click the Syracuse University Login and use your NetID and password to log into the Application Portal
 - e. Complete the **application details screen** (name and email will pre-fill):
 - PI title, school/college, department, center/institute (if applicable), rank, and tenure status
 - Co-PI/Co-I roles, names, emails, school/college, department, center/institute (if applicable), rank, and tenure status
 - Type of application (Seed, I2, G2G, Seminar)
 - Proposal Title

- Total funding request
- Indicate if this project involves: Human subjects, Animal research, Hazardous materials, Existing (protected) IP, Potentially non-routine data management (HIPAA etc.), Export controls.
- Indicate if this proposal has been previously submitted for CUSE funding by yourself as PI or by any named Co-PI's or Co-I's.
- **Project Summary:** Include a summary of no more than 250 words in the text box provided.

2) Upload Files

All uploaded files should conform to the following requirements:

- Margins - 1 inch: top, bottom, left, and right
- Minimum font size 11 points or larger, with a font face of Arial, Calibri, Times New Roman or Computer Modern. Other font faces and sizes may be used for mathematical formulas or equations, figures, tables or diagram captions; however the text must still be readable.
- Single-spaced 8.5 x 11 inch pages
- Do not paginate documents.
- All files must be uploaded as a single PDF document, named by subsections headers a through f below (e.g., PROJECT NARRATIVE.pdf, KEY PERSONNEL.pdf, CURRICULUM VITAE.pdf, etc.).

A. **PROJECT NARRATIVE** – Limited to 3 to 6 pages based on application type.

- Seed Grants and Interdisciplinary Seminar Grants – Maximum three (3) single-spaced pages, including figures and tables.
- Interdisciplinary Research Grants and Good to Great Grants – Maximum six (6) single-spaced pages, including figures and tables.
- Page limits will be strictly enforced to ensure fair and equitable competition. Reviewers will be instructed to disregard pages submitted that extend beyond stated maximums.
- Applicants should keep in mind that Review Committee members represent a variety of disciplines from across the university. Therefore, applicants must write their proposals without excessive jargon and in a style clear to reviewers who are not experts in the specified area.

The Project Narrative should include the following information:

- Introduction and Key Personnel.** The introduction should include a clear statement of the research question/problem, long-term goal(s), and supporting objectives or research questions of the proposed project. Summarize the body of knowledge or other past activities that substantiate the need for the proposed project. Describe ongoing or recently completed significant activities related to the proposed project including the work of key project personnel. Include preliminary data/information pertinent to the proposed research or activity. Describe the roles and responsibilities of the PI, Co-PI's, Co-I's. All works cited should be referenced (see item 2C References Cited of this section). This is the section to set the stage for your project to answer a significant question or to resolve a significant problem.
- Rationale, Significance, and Broader Impact.** Concisely present the rationale behind the proposed project; the specific relationship of the project's objectives to one or more of the particular program priorities; the potential long-term and broader impact; and the potential of this project to enhance future extramural grant applications, or to produce significant scholarship. Broader impacts can be defined as the greater potential societal benefit, but also the broader impact within Syracuse University, within your field, as well as within the local community. In this section, explain why your project should be funded.

- iii. **Approach.** The activities proposed or problems being addressed must be clearly stated and the approaches being applied clearly described. Specifically, this section must include: a description of the activities proposed and the sequence in which the activities are to be performed; methods to be used in carrying out the proposed project, including the feasibility of the methods; considerations of alternative methods and if the proposed method is state of the art; expected outcomes; means by which results will be analyzed, assessed, or interpreted; how results or products will be used; pitfalls that may be encountered and alternative approaches to compensate for pitfalls; limitations to proposed procedures; and a full explanation of any materials, procedures, situations, or activities related to the project that may be hazardous to personnel, along with an outline of precautions to be exercised to avoid or mitigate the effects of such hazards. Include a brief timeline of the proposed project.
- iv. **Intent to Leverage CUSE Funding** Indicate how you will leverage CUSE funding to further pursue extramural grant funding, including listing what funding agencies and specific programs may be targeted, and how CUSE funding will be impactful on those applications. Demonstrate how you will show impact from this grant external to the institution. For disciplines where external funding is limited, describe how the CUSE grant will enable you to leverage success to enhance the reputation of Syracuse University, through increased competitiveness for prestigious awards, through the creation of significant new scholarship, or through the creation of unique educational programs or collaborations.

Note: For lead PIs who have previously received a CUSE Grant, you must also complete include a detailed description of how you leveraged your previous CUSE Grant in the section “Results from Prior CUSE Grant” below.

B. RESULTS FROM PRIOR CUSE GRANT – Limited to 2 pages.

For lead PIs who previously received a CUSE Grant, you must also complete include a detailed description of how you leveraged your previous CUSE Grant to secure extramural funding and/or enhance the reputation of Syracuse University. Information on results from prior funding should include: the year, title and amount of the previous CUSE Grant; proposals submitted and/or awards received, including titles, amounts and funders (please do not list Syracuse University intramural grants); a list of publications, patents or other significant research outputs; a description of relevant meetings, seminars, or presentations conducted.

C. REFERENCES CITED – No page limit.

All work cited in the Project Narrative, including that of key personnel, should be referenced in this section of the application. References must be complete, including titles and all co-authors in a professional journal format, alphabetically, using last name of the first author, or list by number in the order of citation.

D. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS REVIEW

- **Response to Previous CUSE Reviews** – Limited to one (1) single-spaced page. Required only for previously submitted Seed, I2 or Seminar proposals that were not funded. Provide a response to the previous review panel summary, including how the proposal has changed since the previous submission.
- **Response to Extramural Reviews** – Limited to four (4) single-spaced pages. Required only for G2G proposals. Include: 1) The PI’s response to extramural grant reviews, including how the G2G proposal will help make a subsequent extramural submission more competitive; 2) A statement of assessment of the competitiveness of the G2G application

from the Associate Dean for Research of the college/school; 3) A copy of the external agency review (not subject to page limitations for this section). Compile these three documents into one PDF attachment.

If neither of these responses are applicable, do not upload a document in the Response to Previous Review section.

E. FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT – Limited to two (2) single-spaced pages.

Describe the landscape of facilities, materials, equipment and other resources not budgeted for in this proposal, but available to you at Syracuse University or other locations to conduct your project. For example, describe any existing computer equipment or software, performance or meeting facilities, special collections or scanning and recording devices, etc., available for you to conduct the activities proposed. If your project does not require any facilities, materials, equipment or other resources apart from what is requested in the proposal budget, please state this in the attachment.

F. BUDGET – Please download and use the CUSE Grant Program Budget Template provided on the Application Portal. Provide complete budget details for each year of the two-year project period. Please note that the CUSE Grant Program Budget Template is a derivative of the OSP Budget Template and functions in the same way. Enter budget data into the ‘Personnel Yr 1’, ‘Personnel Yr 2’, and ‘Non-personnel’ worksheets accordingly. Additional guidance is provided in the ‘Instructions’ tab of the CUSE Grant Program Budget Template. Please do not alter scaling or page breaks in the Excel template.

Create a PDF of the “CUSE Grant Budget Form” worksheet (page 8 of the workbook). Upload the four (4) page PDF that is created under the Budget upload subsection.

Funds can be requested for the following allowable costs:

- *Salaries & Wages for PI’s, Co-PI’s, and Co-I’s* – PI, Co-PI and Co-I salaries are limited to one (1) month.
- *Other Salaries & Wages* – For I2 and G2G proposals, budget requests can be made for technical or postdoctoral salary support, graduate research assistantships, undergraduate research support, and essential staff. The CUSE Grant program recognizes the importance of graduate and undergraduate training and strongly encourages PI’s to involve graduate and undergraduate students in CUSE Grant activities.
- *Fringe Benefits* – Fringe benefits must be included for all salaries as appropriate. The budget template will assign current fringe benefits corresponding to the salary line(s) used.
- *Equipment* – Total is limited to \$5,000 for I2 and G2G Grants.
- *Travel* – Must be directly related to CUSE Grant project activities.
- *Other Direct Costs* – Materials and supplies (such as meeting supplies and books), consultant costs, purchased services (such as transcription or translation costs), rental of off-site facilities, human subject payments, and other relevant expenses (such as food and beverages for all-day meetings or archive fees) are allowable. Please note that funds requested for consultants must equal no more than 25% of budgeted costs.

The following items are unallowable costs on a CUSE Grant:

- *Subcontracts to external institutions* – As CUSE Grants are intended to internally advance research and scholarship, no funds may be subcontracted to other institutions.
- *Office Supplies, Cell Phones, Internet service, Memberships/subscriptions* - Funds cannot be requested for items generally regarded as parts of indirect costs such as office supplies,

- phones, cell phones, internet service, subscriptions, memberships, laptop computers, iPads, software, desktop computers, or computer peripherals (e.g., printers, data storage, etc.). Project-specific computers and/or project-specific software package(s) are allowed if predominately used for the project, but a detailed justification must be provided.
- *Indirect costs*

G. BUDGET JUSTIFICATION – Limited to three (3) single-spaced pages.

Provide a detailed justification for each item of the budget request, thoroughly explaining what budget allocations are needed and why they are important to complete the goals and objectives of your project. A template is provided on the Application Portal.

H. CURRICULUM VITAE – Limited to five (5) single-spaced pages for each investigator. Provide a CV/biographical sketch in any extramural agency format (e.g., NIH, NSF, DOD) for each PI/Co-PI/Co-I, *limited to academic & research credentials*. Templates for a standard NSF and a hybrid NSF/NEH biographical sketch are provided on the Application Portal for reference. Do not list meetings attended, seminars given, or personal data. If not utilizing an extramural agency format, please include the following information:

- Brief summary of investigator’s qualifications for proposed project
- Brief summary of teaching, scholarship and research expertise
- Education history (degrees) and relevant employment history
- Relevant honors and awards (limit to five)
- Relevant products, including: Peer reviewed publications, books, book chapters, or other academic/artistic outputs consistent w/discipline, such as scores, films, productions, performances or artworks.

I. CURRENT AND PENDING SUPPORT – No page limitation.

Download and complete the Current and Pending form provided on the Application Portal. Provide a listing of all proposals that are Pending, Awarded, or Planned for Submission. **The Form is required for the PI of the CUSE Grant only.** Please note: Current and Pending Support may be used by the review committee to illustrate how CUSE funding may complement, enhance, or in some cases compete with existing awards.

J. CONFLICT OF INTEREST – No page limitation.

Download and complete the Conflict of Interest spreadsheet from the Application Portal. This form is required for the PI and all Co-PI’s of the CUSE Grant, but not for Co-I’s or other project personnel. Please complete a separate form for the PI and each Co-PI. This form is intended to minimize potential conflicts of interest in the review process. Include the following information:

- Syracuse University co-authors on publications within the past three (3) years, including pending publications and submissions;
- Syracuse University collaborators on projects within the past three (3) years, including current and planned collaborations; and
- All Syracuse University thesis or postdoctoral advisees/advisors.

No additional materials, appendices, or supplementary documentation will be accepted.

VII. Proposal Submission

- **DEADLINE: 5:00pm Monday, February 17, 2020.** Early submission to enable review for compliance and assignment of review panels is highly encouraged.

- Submit electronically at <https://Syracuse.infoready4.com>
- An email acknowledgment of receipt will be sent once the CUSE Grant application is received
- For the 2020 CUSE Grant Program, routing approvals *are not required* from the Associate Deans for Research (ADRs). Deans, ADRs and school and college budget directors will receive lists of all application submitted by PIs from their units after the proposals are compiled and reviewed for compliance.

VIII. Proposal Review and Evaluation

- 1) Each application will be evaluated in a two-part process. First, each application will be screened to ensure that it meets the administrative requirements as set forth in the CUSE Grant Program. **Applications that do not meet the guidelines as stated in the RFP will be eliminated from the competition and will be returned to the applicant without review.** Second, a review panel composed of Syracuse University faculty will technically evaluate applications that meet these requirements. In addition to the review panel, written comments may be solicited from *ad hoc* reviewers. Prior to recommending an application for funding, the peer review panel and *ad hoc* reviewer comments, if applicable, will be presented and discussed.
- 2) Review Panel Selection and Evaluation Process: A Review Panel will be selected with a goal of representing expertise across research areas including, but not limited to, expertise in STEM areas, arts, humanities, social sciences, and creative research areas. This review panel may include Associate Deans for Research, members of the Senate Research Committee, Distinguished Professors or University Professors, or faculty members at large who have had at least one extramural grant with the exception of certain disciplinary areas where extramural funding is rare. In all cases, the review panel members must not submit a proposal in the CUSE Grant program in the year when she/he serves on the panel. The Review Panel will meet, discuss, evaluate, rank, and make recommendations for funding.
- 3) Evaluation Criteria: The peer reviewers and the review panel will be asked to take the following factors into account:
 - A. *Overall merit of the application*, including comments on: novelty, uniqueness, and originality; conceptual adequacy of the hypothesis, research question, or problem(s) to be addressed; clarity and delineation of objectives; adequacy of the description of the undertaking and suitability and feasibility of methodology; and probability of success of project. **(25% weight)**
 - B. *Qualifications of proposed project personnel and adequacy of facilities.* Qualifications of proposed project personnel include: research productivity and quality as measured by peer-reviewed publications in high-quality professional journals or other forms of high-quality scholarly output, patents awarded, products developed as reflected in the biosketch; experience, record of accomplishment, and training; and adequacy of available or obtainable support personnel, facilities, materials, equipment and other relevant resources. If the applicant is a junior faculty member, the Review Panel will be instructed to weight qualifications based on the level of scholarly activity in relation to the applicant's length of time in the field, and the potential of the grant for positively affecting the trajectory of success for the applicant. Additionally, if the applicant is a previous CUSE Grant recipient, reviewers are asked to evaluate the results of the prior CUSE Grant as provided by the PI, as evidence of their ability to *leverage* subsequent intramural funding. **(25% weight)**

- C. *Relevance of the project and alignment of the project with current and future research trends, extramural funding priorities, or with national and international awards for recognition, and how such alignments will lead to extramural funding external recognition of the awardees, their programs, and the university. (25% weight)*
- D. *Potential success for extramural funding, enhanced reputation, and compliance with reporting requirements.* Justification of how the project will help extramural grant applications in relation to specific funding sources and potential projects, or how the project will enhance the reputation of Syracuse University, through increased competitiveness for prestigious awards, through the creation of significant new scholarship, or through the creation of unique educational programs or collaborations. When applicable, for researchers previously funded through CUSE Grant funds, demonstrated efforts of extramural funding applications are required before eligible again for CUSE Grant funding (see above under “Eligibility” and “Results from CUSE Grant”). Success of project goals, timely and satisfactory intramural and extramural grant reporting, and the level of success in extramural funding from all sources (e.g., federal, regional, state, industry, foundations, private, etc.) will be key factors for consideration of additional CUSE Grant funding. **(25% weight)**

Ad hoc reviewers (if relevant), as well as the review panel for each proposal will provide comments and a rating for each factor, where the ratings are excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor. The ratings for each of these factors will be weighted equally and combined into an overall score using these point values:

| Rating | Points |
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| Excellent | 5 points |
| Very Good | 4 points |
| Good | 3 points |
| Fair | 2 points |
| Poor | 0 points |

For “Good to Great” Grant Project, the following additional criteria will also be considered:

- A. The reviews and rankings of the proposal from extramural funding sources;
- B. The commitment of the departments and colleges as reflected in cost share, if any, and the statement from the associate dean(s) for research; and
- C. The budget of the extramural grant application, i.e., large extramural grants will be given priority.

Guided by the overall score, comments on factors, and the additional criteria for the “Good to Great” proposals, the review panel will sort proposals into categories of must fund, high priority for funding, medium priority for funding, lower medium priority for funding, low priority for funding, and do not fund. Funding decisions and funding levels will be determined based on the evaluation ranking in consideration of the availability of funds. Final funding decisions will be approved by the Vice President for Research. A panel summary, along with reviews, will be sent to the lead PI upon completion of the funding cycle evaluations.

IX. Award Notice

Upon the completion of funding decisions, the lead PI will be notified. For all grant categories, the funding decision will be copied to the Dean, the Associate Dean for Research or Associate Dean, and the School or College Budget Director. Award announcements will include the following: (a) Title of project; (b) Project period; and (c) Total dollar amount.

X. Requirements for Approved Projects for Release of Funds

Prior to the commencement of research the PI must provide copies of all relevant IACUC (Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee), IRB (Institutional Review Board) and IBC (Institutional Biosafety Committee) approvals to the VPR Office (Office of the Vice President for Research), as appropriate. It is the lead PI's responsibility to be in compliance with federal and state regulations concerning human subjects, animal welfare, recombinant DNA, financial conflict of interest, export control, and any hazardous materials, and that the PI complies with all of the reporting requirements for the CUSE Grant Program.

The VPR Office reserves the right to redistribute or retract monies if problems arise relative to satisfactory progress or compliance of all terms as set with this RFP, or due to economic necessity of the university. An annual progress report and a final report are required, and should be made by thirty days after the anniversary date of the award.

XI. Additional Information:

Applications containing proprietary information will be evaluated with due consideration for protection of this information to the extent permitted by law provided such information is clearly identified by inclusion of the Proprietary Information Disclosure Statement.

XII. Timetable Summary:

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| January 7, 2020 | RFP release date (application system live) |
| February 17, 2020 | Proposals due , early submission encouraged |
| February 1-24, 2020 | Proposals compiled and submitted to reviewers for desk review |
| February 25-March 20, 2020 | Desk review completed and compiled for Review Panel |
| March 24-26 | Review Panel meets and recommends projects to VPR for approval |
| March 27-April 3, 2020 | VPR Office will finalize and approve funding decisions |
| April 6-8, 2020 | Awards announcements emailed to lead PI's, Deans and ADRs of lead PI. It is the lead PI's responsibility to notify her/his Co-PI's and Co-I's. |
| April 15, 2020 | PI completion of requirements for release of funding |
| May 1, 2020 | Projects start |
| June 1, 2020 | 2018 CUSE Grant final reports due (Note: 2020 CUSE Grants to PIs with 2018 CUSE Grants – funding for 2020 grants will be held until receipt of acceptable final report). |
| | 2019 CUSE Grant annual reports due |
| June 1, 2021 | 2019 CUSE Grant final report due |
| | 2020 CUSE Grant annual report due |
| June 2, 2022 | 2020 CUSE Grant final report due |