

FY 2021 ICTAS Diversity & Inclusion Seed Investment Request for Proposals

ICTAS is soliciting proposals from Virginia Tech faculty for funding opportunities with anticipated support beginning October 23rd, 2020 (FY 2021). The objective of this program is to build direct faculty-to-faculty research partnerships between faculty at Virginia Tech and faculty at HBCUs or other under-represented college programs/minority institutions. This activity may be in the form of sharing lab equipment and space, sharing technologies, or traveling to present and develop partnerships. Faculty will self-identify partnerships based on their specific research areas. We will ask any awardees to participate in the HBCU-MSI Summit poster session the following year (mid-October each year) and also participate in diversity activities with ICTAS. Ultimately, ICTAS expects the partnerships to result in future research proposals.

ICTAS has approximately \$150,000 available for funding diversity and inclusion seed grants. This fall the awards will be two-year awards, with each recipient receiving up to \$20,000 over two years (\$10,000 per year). Please submit one-page proposals by **September 25th, 2020**.

Awardees will be selected following panel review. The following guidelines apply:

- Limit one one-page proposal per faculty member
- The expected budget and any equipment or supply/material purchases should be expressly stated in the proposal.
- Funding may be used to cover Virginia Tech faculty/student travel, student wages, GRAs and supplies and materials.
- Funding may not be used for faculty salaries, equipment purchases not expressly stated in the proposal, to pay salary or wages for non-Virginia Tech faculty or students or to reimburse travel expenses for faculty at other universities traveling to conferences in locations other than Blacksburg.

Please send any questions, concerns and proposal submissions to Chris Tysor, ICTAS Diversity & Inclusion Coordinator, ctysor@vt.edu.