**Pilot Project Seed Grant Program**

The University of Iowa Office of the Vice President for Research and Economic Development offers a Pilot Project Seed Grant Program to encourage researchers to use the Central Microscopy Research Facility (CMRF) to help secure further external funding. Proposals must be submitted by **December 8th, 2017**, and awards of up to $1,000 in instrument and labor fees will be announced December 29, 2017 after consideration by a review committee. Unused funding expires June 30, 2018.

Funds provided through the Pilot Project Seed Grant Program may be used by faculty to develop new research directions, make use of instrumentation they have not previously utilized, or employ new applications of instrumentation—all with the purpose of securing proof of concept and generating data to be used to pursue external funding for their work. Awardees will be required to file a progress report and submit the proposal to an external agency within a year of the Seed Grant award.

To be considered for a grant under the program, fill out and [submit the online application form](https://research.uiowa.edu) along with supporting documentation.

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