

## **Technology Enhancement Awards (TEA)**

The Technology Enhancement Awards (TEA) supports development of healthcare product focused technologies with a goal to advance it toward commercialization. The critical preclinical data generated using the TEA award may support SBIR/STTR application and engagement of commercial partner. The technology may already reside in a startup company or a clear plan exists to place it into a startup. TEA funding is supported by Indiana CTSI and Indiana University School of Medicine through the office of the Associate Dean for Entrepreneurship in partnership with the Indiana Center for Biomedical Innovation (ICBI). The awardees will receive funding up to \$50,000, a position as an ICBI residence scholar and mentorship support through the ICBI Advisory Council.

### **Request for Proposals:**

Proposals are requested from Indiana University School of Medicine researchers to advance early stage technologies to commercialization. The technologies may include highly promising therapeutics (small molecule or biologics), diagnostics or biomedical devices. The funds will be used for generating technical data needed for advancing the technology to commercialization.

### **Funding:**

The project will receive funding up to \$50,000 for a period of 12 months through a milestone-based project management mechanism. In addition, advice and mentorship from experts in drug, diagnostics, devices, and business development will be available through the ICBI Advisory Council.

### **Application**

The application form with specific contents listed below can be obtained from the ICBI website: <https://www.in-bioinnovation.org/grants-funding>

- Description of the technology
- Medical need, patient population/market size
- Basic biology, mechanism and novelty
- Current development status including key data
- Proposed plan to address the gap
- Current and past funding for the project
- Collaborators
- Market Competition and differentiation
- IP status
- PI bio sketch
- Other support forms

### **Eligibility:**

Applicants must be researchers, including post docs, within the Indiana University School of Medicine. Post-doc applicants will require letter of support from the primary faculty mentor and the department chair.

**Application deadline:** 5PM, September 7<sup>th</sup> 2019

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