



BBI Seed Grant FAQ

Can PIs budget for salary in the BBI seed proposal?

Only PIs who are on soft funding can budget for salary. Requested PI salary is capped at a 10% of their annual salary but should be commensurate with effort (i.e., budget for effort but not exceeding 10%). All PIs requesting this must include detailed justification. A final decision about salary funds will be determined if awarded.

Can I pay a graduate student on the BBI funds?

Yes! We encourage the use of graduate students on the seed grants.

Does funding include fringe benefits?

Yes, please budget for [fringe based on current rate](#).

Does funding include tuition?

No, tuition will be handled by the PI's department. Please contact your departmental grants coordinator or administrator when considering tuition.

Do the PIs have to be from different departments?

The BBI seed grants are intended to be multidisciplinary. They will be reviewed on the necessity of the collaboration, so please describe how your proposal team meets this criterion.

Can I include collaborators outside of UMD?

Yes, you may include outside collaborators, but no money will be awarded to support non-UMD investigators. There must be two PIs from UMD.

Can I submit different versions to different tracks?

No, a single project should be submitted to a single track. We may be able to assist you in deciding which track best fits your project. You are welcome to send in a short description; we would be happy to provide guidance.

What kind of bio format do you want for the organizers?

Any format is fine, but please do not exceed two pages per PI.

Do I include indirect costs in my budget?

No, this is internally funded. IDC is not required.

Are no cost extensions allowed?

No, these awards are intended to be for 1 year only. No-cost extensions will not be approved.

Does the bibliography count toward the 4-page limit of the proposal?

No, a bibliography or list of cited references does not count toward the 4-page limit.

Who do I contact if I have questions?

All questions can be sent to bbiumd@umd.edu.