



## 2019–2020 CPU2AL Seed Funding

### Instructions to Submit Proposals for CPU2AL Seed Funding

Year 3 of the NSF EPSCoR CPU2AL project will start on September 1, 2019 and the CPU2AL Management Team would like to receive requests for seed funding from investigators. Proposals must include the following:

I. A **five-page** document with the following sections:

1. Project title, main investigators, and institutions
2. Background and significance
3. Project description and research goals
4. References
5. List of anticipated outcomes/products to include an external proposal (you must identify the target funding agency or industry partner).
6. Budget and budget justification

II. A one- to two-page résumé for each of the main investigators

Seed funding is supposed to take ideas that, although related to the proposed EPSCoR work, and by extension the strategic plan, represent something of a departure because they are innovative, emergent, possibly high-risk, and probably represent an outgrowth of proposed work. A seed funding proposal should not look like something that is derivative of research proposed already in the strategic plan. This needs to be clearly expressed in the seed funding proposal.

Submitted projects must

- Be related to low-temperature plasma (LTP) and the CPU2AL Strategic Plan
- Be high-risk, potentially high-impact, and transformative
- Lead to cross-institutional collaborations between CPU2AL partner institutions or collaboration with industry

Priority will be given to projects with any of the following attributes:

- The project has potential to receive subsequent new external funding.
- The project involves Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) investigators in Alabama.
- The project has high potential to lead to industry applications or collaborations.
- The project addresses the first recommendation provided by the NSF in the spring 2019 Reverse Site Visit committee report, viz., that it is a project that develops synergy and interactions between particularly RT 1 and RT 3, RT 2 and RT 3, or RT 1 and 2 and RT 3.



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### **Important questions for investigators submitting proposals:**

- **Who can submit a proposal?**  
This call is open to all Faculty and Postdocs at CPU2AL partner institutions. All submissions should be discussed with and endorsed by the local institutional CPU2AL Lead Investigator (Leads can be found at <https://www.uah.edu/cpu2al/partner-institutions-and-contacts>).
- **What amount of funding is available?**  
The total amount of funding for all projects is \$120,000 and it is anticipated that about three projects will receive an award.
- **What is the period of performance of funded projects?**  
Activities are expected to be completed between September 1, 2019 and August 31, 2020.
- **What types of costs can be included in the budget?**  
Salaries of faculty, postdocs, and students, materials and supplies, and research-related travel costs. Overhead/indirect costs are not allowed in seed proposals.

Please submit any request for funding by **August 21, 2019** to [garyp.zank@gmail.com](mailto:garyp.zank@gmail.com) and [patrick.hambloch@uah.edu](mailto:patrick.hambloch@uah.edu).

The CPU2AL Strategic Plan is available upon request.