

Technology Enhancement Awards (TEA)_2017

In partnership with the Indiana CTSI and IU School of Medicine, the Indiana Center for Biomedical Innovation (ICBI) supports the development of technologies originating from the academic research through the Technology Enhancement Award (TEA). The grant support program funds to develop a robust commercialization relevant data package to reduce the risk of investment in early stage technologies. The technology may already reside in a startup company or a clear plan exists to place it into a startup. The awardees will receive funding up to \$50,000 and mentorship support through the ICBI Advisory Council and SPARK-Stanford partnership.

Request for Proposals:

Proposals are requested from IU School of Medicine researchers and founders of startup companies for funds to advance early stage technologies to commercialization. The technologies may include highly promising therapeutics (small molecule or biologics), diagnostics. The funds will be used in support of the 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 and business development will be available through the ICBI Advisory Council and SPARK-program.

Application Process:

Complete the [TEA online application](#) that has specific contents listed below:

- Description of the technology
- Medical need, patient population/market size
- Basic biology, mechanism and novelty
- Current development status including key data
- Plan and timeline to phase 1 clinical trial
- Key gaps to next milestone
- Proposed plan to address the gap
- Current and past funding for the project
- Collaborators
- Market Competition and differentiation
- IP status
- PI biosketch

Eligibility:

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

Application deadline: 5PM, October 16, 2017

For more information please contact: Padma Portonovo (pportono@iupui.edu).