

ALABAMA COUNCIL FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS

The Entrepreneurship Research Grants Program

The University of Alabama Council for Entrepreneurship invites competitive grant applications from faculty, staff, and students of the University of Alabama for funding to support research in Entrepreneurship and related areas such as innovation, creativity, and management in high growth organizations.

What is the purpose of the Entrepreneurship Research Grants Program?

Research grants are intended to foster and support research in Entrepreneurship throughout the University of Alabama campus. Research that is intended for publication in a top journal publication or in another prominent academic outlet is especially encouraged as is research that leads to a proposal for additional funding from another external agency to support projects of a larger scope than those funded by the Council.

Who is eligible to apply for an Entrepreneurship Research Grant?

Faculty, staff, and students in all Colleges and Departments of The University of Alabama are eligible and encouraged to apply.

What kinds of projects will be considered for awards?

Eligible projects for Entrepreneurship Research Grants will be focused on furthering scholarly understanding of the antecedents and consequences of creativity, innovation, & entrepreneurship. Normative research is especially encouraged as is international research and research that is longitudinal. Potential topic areas include but are not limited to, individual, organizational and/or macroeconomic factors that:

- Promote innovation and/or creativity at the individual, team and/or business levels
- Promote and/or enhance individual capabilities associated with innovation
- Promote and/or enhance capabilities associated with new product development and commercialization
- Increase entrepreneurial activity, the rate of business founding and/or the survival of entrepreneurial firms
- Influence the founding, longevity, and success of small and/or technology based businesses
- Promote the founding of new businesses in rural and economically disadvantage areas
- Promote international entrepreneurship and enhance entrepreneurial firm's ability to compete internationally

How may grants funds be used?

Grant funds can be used to support research and travel expenses, including those expenses related to presentation of the research at scholarly meetings. The grants are not intended to cover salary support for grantees.

How much funding is available?

The maximum award for any single grant will be \$5,000 for one year.

What are the deadlines?

Grants will be on an annual basis. The application deadline is February 14th, 2008. Winners will be announced during Entrepreneurship Week on February 28th, 2008.

How does one submit a proposal?

There is no set application form. Applications should be typed, double spaced, and no more than five pages in length with a 12 point font size. Each application should provide a brief description of the purpose of the project, a discussion of plans for how the project would be conducted, qualifications of the participants, and a budget. The proposal should also describe the anticipated outcomes of the proposed project including the intended publication outlets. Preference will be given to proposals that:

- Include researchers from multiple colleges at UA and/or departments within a college
- Have results that have normative implications
- Have partial funding from another source or have the potential to receive such funding

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