

Funding Programs – Information

UAMS Development Enhancement Awards for Proposals (DEAP) Grant Program

I. Purpose of the Development Enhancement Awards for Proposals (DEAP) Grant Program

The DEAP Grant Program of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences is designed to provide funds to address comments or needed revisions for new and established faculty members from all colleges who have received a score and comments from an unsuccessful proposal submitted to a federal agency or foundation that provides full indirect costs. These grants are intended to assist investigators with the collection of additional data that directly responds to reviewers' comments in order to increase the competitiveness of the revised application. This grant program is funded by the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and is strictly limited to supporting and strengthening the reapplication of scored proposals, and must be submitted within 12 months of receiving comments for a scored extramural proposal.

Applications for a DEAP award, must include: 1) a copy of previously submitted proposal, 2) the score and reviews from the submitted proposal, 3) a plan to address all reviewers' critiques/comments, and 4) a pledge to resubmit a revised application as soon as practical.

Awards (maximum of \$25,000) may include funding to support the salary and benefits for either graduate students or postdoctoral trainees based at UAMS, as well as other research personnel as needed to revise/respond to the comments/critiques of the summary statement related to the scored proposal. Salaries for faculty are generally not allowed except in unusual circumstances when additional assistance is needed to meet reviewers' comments and only with approval from the Vice Chancellor of Research.

II. General Conditions of Eligibility

Awards will be made only to full-time and part-time ($\geq 50\%$) UAMS faculty members (including those with VA appointments) who are at the rank of instructor or above. Individuals in temporary positions are not eligible. Recipients may hold only one DEAP Grant at a time. Eligible faculty members may submit only one application per scored proposal (i.e., no resubmissions) on which they are listed as the Principal Investigator.

Additional Requirements: The Plan to Address Critiques (see below), in addition to the requirements outlined above, should *clearly describe how reviewers' concerns will be addressed and remediated in the revised submission*. Specifically, what actions/experiments (1 page limit) will be done? DEAP proposals will be reviewed for merit and likelihood of extramural funding.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Submission: A signed original plus four (4) copies should be submitted to the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, Biomedical Research Center II, room 159-2, mail slot 718. Applications should be prepared carefully and completely. Incomplete applications or those which do not follow the

required format will be returned without consideration. There are no deadlines; applications are accepted at any time. Upon receipt, all applications will be referred to the UAMS Research Committee (URC) for review.

Review: Proposals will be evaluated and ranked on the basis of scientific merit and potential for receiving extramural funding. Applications will be rated either: 1) approved for funding, 2) revisions required, or 3) not approved and not eligible for DEAP funding. Conditional approvals may be funded shortly after receipt of the additional information and its acceptance by the URC. The results of the review process will be communicated to the applicant by letter from the URC Chairman, usually within 4-8 weeks of submission.

Award Periods: The award period for all DEAP grants is up to one year. If any funds are remaining at the end of that period, a single 3 month extension may be requested by submitting a justification in writing to the Vice Chancellor of Research. If an awardee receives alternate funding from another extramural source, any unspent DEAP funds must be returned to the Vice Chancellor of Research.

Final Reports: In order to evaluate the effectiveness of the DEAP Grant Program, all grant recipients must submit a Final Report detailing the disposition of the resubmitted grant and its subsequent scoring. No applicant shall be eligible for further DEAP awards without submission of a Final Report. At the conclusion of the award, the Vice Chancellor of Research will request a list of pertinent publications and submitted grant applications from the Awardee. All publications and grants submitted after the final report should be reported to the Vice Chancellor for Research.

THE APPLICATION PACKAGE

Preparing the Application: An applicant shall follow the required format and guidelines for proposal preparation. Well-written, concise applications that clearly describe how the proposed research will address reviewer concerns and questions are more likely to receive favorable consideration. In preparing the application, follow the format and general guidelines below.

INSTRUCTIONS:

GRANT APPLICATION COVER PAGE:

This page must be completed in its entirety.

ITEM 1:

Self explanatory

ITEM 2:

Self explanatory

ITEM 3:

Self explanatory

ITEM 4:

Self explanatory

ITEM 5:

Provide a detailed description of the proposed studies that will be carried out in order to address concerns, comments, weaknesses, etc., from the review of the previously submitted proposal.

ITEM 6:

Provide biographical sketches for the PI and other key personnel. Use the biographical sketch that was submitted for the original grant.

ITEM 7:

Provide the requested dollar amount and funding period (cannot be longer than one year)

ITEM 8:

Provide a budget justification. Salary and benefits for research personnel including coordinators, technicians, students and postdoctoral fellows are allowable expenses. Salary and benefits for faculty are not allowable expenses. Reimbursement for travel is not normally allowed unless the travel is intrinsic to conducting the proposed research.

ITEM 9:

It is recommended that the applicant obtain all necessary (IRB, IACUC, etc) approvals before submission, and attach the approval letter(s). Applications with pending approvals will be considered, but no application will be funded until all necessary approvals are obtained.

ITEM 10:

Both the applicant and the Department Chairperson must sign the application. The signatures provide acknowledgement and acceptance of the rules and requirements for proposal submission.

For Questions Regarding the Application Process Contact:

Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research
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Biomedical Research Building 2
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GRANT APPLICATION COVER PAGE

1. **Title:**

2. **Principal Investigator information:**

Name:

Title:

Department:

Telephone:

E-mail Address:

3. **Attach Specific Aims and Research Plan from the Previously Submitted Grant**

4. **Attach Review from Previously Submitted Grant**

5. **Plan to Address Reviewers' Concerns, comments, or described weakness(s).** (up to 5 pages)

6. **Biographical sketches for PI, co-PIs and co-Is**

7. **Budget Request \$ amount and funding period):**

8. **Budget Justification** (up to 2 pages)

9. **Committee Approvals for additional work and DEAP submission: (Attach copies to proposal)**

Animal Use: ____ Yes ____ Pending ____ Not Applicable

Human Subjects: ____ Yes ____ Pending ____ Not Applicable

Biosafety approval: ____ Yes ____ Pending ____ Not Applicable (DNA & Biohazards)

Radioisotopes: ____ Yes ____ Pending ____ Not Applicable

10. **Pledge and Signature:**

I the undersigned faculty member pledge to submit a revised application as soon as practical after the end of the DEAP Program funding period).

Principal Investigator: _____ Date: _____

Department Chairperson: _____ Date: _____