

School of Earth and Space Exploration JEDI Seed Grant

Spring 2021 Application

Motivation

The School of Earth and Space Exploration solicits seed grant applications that promote the mission statement of the JEDI Task Force: *The SESE JEDI Task Force empowers a just, equitable, and inclusive School of Earth & Space Exploration by facilitating and promoting individual action, dialog, education, long-term planning and systemic change.*

Who Can Apply?

We encourage applications from the broad SESE community including students, staff, and faculty. Alumni are welcome to co-propose with current SESE students, staff, and/or faculty.

Funding Amount and Relevant Dates

Total funding available for all grants awarded through this call is \$2,000. The number of grants awarded will depend on the number and size of the submitted compelling applications. To fund as many grants as possible, we encourage applications with the minimum funding necessary to accomplish goals. We welcome applicants to reach out to the SESE Seed Grant Task Force to discuss their proposed budget.

Applications are due by **March 12, 2021**. We anticipate announcing the winners in early April.

Selection Criteria

We encourage all potential applicants to reach out to the SESE Seed Grant Task Force to discuss their proposal or be connected with others with similar objectives in SESE to strengthen individual proposals.

In addition to the Application Elements outlined below, successful applications will endeavor to include the following, as appropriate to the proposed initiative:

- Discussion of relevance to JEDI Task Force mission statement
- Feasibility of implementing the initiative with the funding
- Metrics to evaluate effectiveness of the proposed initiative and discuss the likelihood of the initiative producing desired outcomes
- Include a proposed plan of sustainability of the initiative beyond seed funding
- Be developed **with** the target audience, rather than **for** those individuals
- Will discuss the scope of the impact in SESE and beyond (larger scope of impact will generally viewed as more favorable, with some exceptions)
- Articulate the “level of need” (e.g., are there other ways to achieve the desired outcomes besides this initiative?)

Application Elements

Please submit no more than 2 pages, single spaced, 12 point arial font with the following information:

1. Title of initiative.
2. Name and email of all applicants.
3. Description of program or initiative - this can include goals of the project, why it is needed in SESE, proposed methods, and any evidence that supports proposed activities.
4. Timeline of activities - table of specific activities with estimated completion times.
5. Budget requested and justification - to maximize the number of grants we fund, please do not request the maximum amount if not needed.
6. Statement of impact - describe the expected positive changes from the proposal and what evidence will support this determination.
7. Plan for partnership, progress, and sustainability - describe any partners that have or will be involved in the program, how feedback will be gathered and used to refine or improve the program, and how the project will be continued/sustained after its initial funding period.

Submission and Contact Information

Please email submissions as a 2 page pdf to sesejeditaskforce@gmail.com. This email can also be used for any questions about the proposal prior to submission.