2020 Request for Pre-Proposals in Water Research

Oklahoma Water Research Grants Program

Eligibility: The Oklahoma Water Resources Center invites pre-proposals for water research projects from researchers at any institute of higher education in Oklahoma. In order to achieve our goal of promoting Workforce Development and Water Literacy, preference may be given to younger researchers and/or projects supporting or engaging multiple students.

Funding: Funding is contingent upon funds being provided by the U.S. Geological Survey 104(b) Program. Funds will be administered through the Oklahoma Water Resources Center.

- We anticipate funding two faculty projects (for up to $25,000 each) and two graduate student projects (for up to $5,000 each).
- Applicants must provide a 2:1 match in non-federal funds. All indirect costs (F&A) must be waived, but may be counted as match. Salaries, benefits, and other project-related expenses covered by other state sources may also be counted as match. Matching funds for student researcher projects can be provided by the faculty sponsor.
- Student funds may support a new project or supplement an existing research project, allowing for additional supplies and materials, data collection, and/or travel. Student pre-proposals should be written by the student under the direction of a faculty sponsor. If selected, the faculty sponsor will serve as the principle investigator.

Timing: If funding is available, grants will support one-year projects. The project year extends from March 1, 2020 to February 28, 2021. Project extensions will not be granted for PY 2020.

Process: The application process begins with one-page pre-proposals. Multiple pre-proposals representing distinct research projects from the same researcher are welcome. Our Water Research Advisory Board will meet during the summer to select a subset of projects to continue in the competition based on the pre-proposal’s quality and potential to address research priorities.

Content: The pre-proposal must include project title; problem statement; project objectives, including how the research will address one or more of the program’s research priorities; methods; expected outcomes; list of project personnel; and amount of funds anticipated to be requested.

Format: Pre-proposals must be submitted in Word format. It must be single-spaced in 10-pt Arial font, have 1-inch margins, and be no more than one page in length (excluding citation list). Applicants are strongly encouraged to use the template available at http://water.okstate.edu/opportunities/funding/ok-grants.

Deadline: Send pre-proposals to water@okstate.edu by Friday, May 31, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Pre-proposals received after this deadline will not be reviewed.

Research Priorities: Proposed research may deal with a wide range of water resources topics; however, priority will be given to research addressing the science, technology, policy, or socio-economics of one or more of the following: Water Scarcity and Availability; Water Technology and Innovation; Water-Related Hazards and Climate Change; Water Policy, Planning, and Socioeconomics; Water Quality and Human Health; and Watershed and Ecosystem Function.