

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Office of the Dean for Research

To: All faculty members
From: Pablo G. Debenedetti, Dean for Research
Subject: Call for COVID-19 Research Proposals
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Dear colleagues,

In recent days, many of you have reached out with requests for opportunities to use your knowledge, ideas and skills to assist in combating the COVID-19 pandemic.

In response to your admirable eagerness to help, I am pleased to announce a call for COVID-19 research proposals.

General Guidelines and Criteria

This call encourages proposals that address the biomedical, health-related and fundamental science related to the COVID pandemic, as well as those that address the corresponding policy, social and economic topics.

This initiative supports research; it will not support applications that involve the production or reproduction of existing materials or equipment for clinical or related purposes.

Favorable consideration will be given to proposals that indicate how the project will be carried to the next stage of development or deployment within no more than a year.

Projects involving rapid or at-home testing innovations, novel forms of respiratory support, assessment of sterilization techniques, and using or developing public databases or mobile applications for actionable insights are examples of highly relevant topics as of the writing of this call for proposals.

Consultation regarding New Jersey needs and priorities will be available to researchers through the course of their project.

Deadline

Proposals are **due by 11pm on Sunday, April 5th**.

Evaluation

All proposals will be anonymously peer-reviewed by a committee that will make funding recommendations.

Funding

Proposals can request up to \$100K for one year. We anticipate funding a small number of outstanding proposals.

Reflecting the urgency of the situation, PIs of projects that have been selected for funding will receive 50% of the requested funds at the outset. A progress report must be submitted after 3 months, and the

peer review committee will then determine whether adequate progress has been made. If this condition is met, the balance of the funds will be made available.

Proposal Submission

Interested faculty should submit a single document, no more than 3 pages long, including a budget. Proposals must be uploaded via Google Forms, [using this link](#). PIs will be asked to complete a simple form that will help with the project administration. If you have trouble uploading your proposal, you can e-mail it to researchplan@princeton.edu .

On-Campus Research

As you know, on March 21st we halted on-campus research in response to Governor Murphy’s Executive Order 107. This call for proposals is fully consistent with the halt in on-campus research. We expect a limited number of on-campus projects to be selected as part of this initiative. Selected proposals involving on-campus research will join the small number of essential projects that were allowed to continue following my office’s review of the Research Essential Operations plans that all faculty members were asked to submit.

Personnel

As part of the submission process, PIs will be asked whether the project involves graduate students and/or staff. If the project involves on-campus research, it is essential that you consult with all graduate students, post-docs or staff members to ensure that they are comfortable participating in on-campus research.

PIs of campus-based projects that have been approved for funding will be asked to provide names and PUIDs for all personnel involved in the project, and to certify that they agree to participate. No funding allocations will be made without this certification.

Information

Information about this research initiative can be found on the [Dean for Research’s COVID-19 page](#). Please address questions to researchplan@princeton.edu .

I look forward to your proposals.

Stay well!

Best wishes,

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