

Review Criteria for NH-LIFT *CATALYST* Seed Grant Funding Proposals

Seed Catalyst Funding Eligibility

1. A NH-LIFT Partner Institution
2. Proposals must include a PUI or Community College, preferably as the PI
3. A faculty member may lead only one project but can be a collaborator on another within a funding cycle.
4. The proposal must demonstrate an understanding of the distinct differences between Collaborative and Catalyst funding.

NSF Ranking: 1 = Poor; 2 = Fair; 3 = Good; 4 = Very Good; 5 = Excellent
<i>PROPOSAL ALIGNMENT WITH LIFT GOALS</i>
Collaboration and Ecosystem Strengthening • The proposal fosters a cross-institutional research ecosystem by building relationships that include two or more academic institutions.
• The proposal creates an environment of reciprocal collaboration
• The proposal aligns with the NH Research and Industry Plan. This criteria is not required but could be a deciding factor with funding is limited
Inclusion of PUI/Community College Faculty • The proposal includes two or more collaborators and aligns with NH-LIFT's aim to broaden the participation of PUIs and/or Community Colleges.
• The project team includes a faculty member from a PUI and/or Community College.
• The proposal includes an early career faculty member.
<i>PROJECT DESIGN AND APPROACH</i>
Clarity and Feasibility of Activities and Graduate Student Involvement • The proposed activities are clearly defined, with a well articulated and feasible timeline.
• Graduate student engagement enhances collaborative research efforts. Examples include data collection and pilot studies, providing publication or grant writing support, facilitating collaborative research, etc.
• The role of the graduate student is clearly defined
• The graduate student will be mentored by a faculty member who is a part of a collaborative team.
<i>BUDGET AND RESOURCES</i>
Reasonableness and Justification of Budget • The budget is reasonable and justified for the proposed activities.
• Requested funds are appropriately allocated.