

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

Seed Catalyst Funding Eligibility

1. A NH-LIFT Partner Institution
2. Proposals must include two or more investigators and 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.
5. The proposal must align with the NH University Research and Industry Plan

NSF Ranking: 1 = Poor; 2 = Fair; 3 = Good; 4 = Very Good; 5 = Excellent
<i>PROPOSAL ALIGNMENT WITH LIFT GOALS</i>
Collaboration and Ecosystem Strengthening <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The proposal fosters a cross-institutional research ecosystem by building relationships that include two or investigators at two or more academic institutions.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The proposal creates an environment of reciprocal collaboration
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The proposal must align with the NH University Research and Industry Plan.
Inclusion of PUI/Community College Faculty <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The proposal includes two or more collaborators and aligns with NH-LIFT's aim to broaden the participation of PUIs and/or Community Colleges.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The project team includes a faculty member from a PUI and/or Community College.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The proposal includes an early career faculty member.
<i>PROJECT DESIGN AND APPROACH</i>
Clarity and Feasibility of Activities and Graduate Student Involvement <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The proposed activities are clearly defined, with a well articulated and feasible timeline.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Graduate student engagement enhances collaborative research efforts. Examples include data collection and pilot studies, providing publication or grant writing support, facilitating collaborative research, etc.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The role of the graduate student is clearly defined
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The budget is reasonable and justified for the proposed activities.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requested funds are appropriately allocated.