CALL FOR PROPOSALS

iUTAH Research Catalyst Grants (RCGs)

Deadline 11:59 PM Friday October 16, 2015

RCGs provide opportunities for faculty and students from **Primarily Undergraduate Institutions** to develop partnerships with faculty at their own or other undergraduate institutions or with Utah's research universities (USU, U of U, BYU), or with community or professional partners. The purpose of these partnerships is to engage with the research objectives of iUTAH—specifically, maintaining and improving water sustainability in Utah—and to build the capacity of participating institutions to conduct further research in the area of water sustainability. Applicants are strongly encouraged to learn more about iUTAH at http://iutahepscor.org/. Applications are especially welcome from people traditionally under-represented in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (women, ethnic minorities).

BUDGET
Project budgets can be up to $20,000 and consistent with the scope of work proposed.
All budgets, regardless of their total dollar amount, must include indirect costs.
Budget may be used for release time, fieldwork, equipment or other research materials, summer salary, or other reasonable expenses. **All funds must be spent by July 31, 2016.**

TYPES OF RESEARCH FUNDED
- General research subject must be Utah's water availability, management, and use.
- Specific focus may be from the perspective of physical, social or engineered environments and/or the linkages between them.
- Preference will be given to multi-disciplinary and/or multi-institution projects.

TO APPLY
Applications must be routed through the appropriate institutional grants office (i.e., by the office at the institution processing the grant award).
Your grants office should submit the following items via email to Hilary Hungerford (Hilary.Hungerford@uvu.edu), by 11:59 PM on Friday, October 16, 2015:
- Completed application form
- Completed proposal (4 pages maximum, including one-page abstract/summary)
- One-page explanation of how this project is expected to lead to other proposals to NSF
- **If you have previously served, in any capacity, on a team funded by an RCG, include a one-page description of additional research and funding that were stimulated by the RCG.**
- One-page budget, including list of major items needed and explanation/justification for each item
- NSF-style biosketch of each team member (not to exceed two pages each; use NSF form)
- Current and pending support from team leader (use NSF form)

IF FUNDED
Several opportunities, requirements and obligations come in the event that your project is funded. First, iUTAH project years end on July 31. You must therefore ensure that all funds allocated to your project have been spent by July 31, 2016. There is a short grace period for submitting invoices, but expenditures must be made by July 31.

Second, a funded RCG project means that you and your collaborators are welcome new members of the iUTAH team. As participants in iUTAH, you will need to report project outcomes in the EPSCoR reporting system ER-Core (http://report.utepscor.org), submit a data collection plan for approval, make your data available via the iUTAH Data Publication System (http://repository.iutahepscor.org), and report involvement of undergraduate students in your sponsored research when this information is requested by the iUTAH Project Office. You should also plan on presenting your results at the iUTAH all-hands meeting in spring 2017. Travel funding (over and above the RCG award) will be available to support attendance. Assistance and guidance on compliance with project requirements is also available from the iUTAH Project Office (POC: Andy Leidolf, Assistant Director and Project Administrator, iUTAH EPSCoR, andreas.leidolf@usu.edu, 435-797-1612).