REMOTE ATTENDEES MAY EMAIL QUESTIONS TO xgrants@tamu.edu

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PRESIDENT’S EXCELLENCE FUND INITIATIVE

10 years, $100 million investment
faculty research, discovery and impact

T3 GRANTS
$3 million/yr. total
@$30k per team

X-GRANTS
$7 million/yr. total
@$100k-$1.5M each
OVERVIEW OF X-GRANTS PROGRAM

• Unlock creative and imaginative ideas to impact important challenges facing global society.

• Over-arching themes to reflect Texas A&M’s research strengths and emphasize sustainable research excellence beyond initial funding.

• Grants range from $100,000 to $1.5 million for a total of $7 million.

• Awarded as a mix of one-year planning projects, pilot projects, or large multi-year awards.

• Open to all faculty, researchers, and staff at Texas A&M University, Texas A&M University at Galveston, Texas A&M University at Qatar, as well as researchers in TEES, AgriLife Research, TTI, TEEX, and AgriLife Extension.
STEP ONE
SUBMIT IDEAS

Goal
Develop overarching themes that researchers will employ to generate proposals to compete for X-Grants. Themes will reflect Texas A&M’s research strengths to address and impact important challenges facing global society.

Action
Submit creative, imaginative research ideas that will address important problems and challenges facing our world.

• Submit a research problem statement, question, or topic that is complex and requires an interdisciplinary research approach.

• Texas A&M researchers should have the expertise to address this research challenge.

• Submissions should be limited to twenty-five words or fewer.

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This step is open to all faculty, researchers, staff, and students.

Ideas accepted until Tuesday, February 27th.
**STEP TWO**
**DEVELOP TEAMS / SUBMIT ONE PAGERS**

**Goal**
Create or edit a profile and develop a one-page paper based on a selected overarching interdisciplinary research theme or themes.

**Action**
Identify a theme(s), edit or create a profile, establish a team, and develop and submit a one-pager.

- Create or edit profile. Indicate expertise in overarching themes.
- Form interdisciplinary teams.
- Only PI eligible researchers may serve as leads or co-leads of teams and submit one pagers.
- Team members can have any title except students.
- Develop one-page proposals associated with one or more of the overarching themes.

*Only PI eligible Texas A&M researchers may submit one pagers*
Submittals include

- **Team Information**: UINs of co-leads (if applicable) and all team members, and the role of each individual (including the expertise from each individual's discipline). The team members' information will be automatically populated (team members’ names, titles, departments, colleges, and email addresses).

- **One pagers**: Team lead (or a co-lead) submits one-pager using the Word template available on website. The Word document must be submitted as a PDF document.

One-pagers should

- Address the overarching theme(s) selected.

- State the problem(s), questions(s), or topic(s) to be addressed.

- Define the scope of the problem or question the team intends to address.

- Describe the intellectual contributions that make this an interdisciplinary approach.

- Provide an explanation, written for a lay audience, on the importance of proposed research and its potential impact.
STEP THREE
SELECTED TEAMS DEVELOP AND SUBMIT PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS

- Selected teams may expand its expertise by adding members.
- Selected teams develop preliminary proposals. Up to three pages not including references.
- Selected team members bios, general interdisciplinary approach, research agenda, sustainability plan (if applicable), and high level budget.
STEP FOUR
SELECTED TEAMS DEVELOP AND SUBMIT FULL PROPOSALS

• Selected teams may expand expertise by adding members.
• Selected teams develop full proposals.
• Selected teams participate in multi-day workshop during week of May 14th and make public presentation on last day of workshop.
• Proposals include detailed budget.
TIMELINE

• Information Session 4:00 p.m.
  February 20
  Interdisciplinary Life Sciences Building
  Auditorium

• Submit Ideas
  Until February 27

• Teams Develop/Submit One-pagers
  Mid-March

• Selected Teams Invited to Submit
  Preliminary Proposals
  Late March to Early-April

• Selected Teams Develop and Submit
  Preliminary Proposals
  Early to Mid-April

• Selected Teams Invited to Develop
  Full Proposals
  Late April

• Multi-Day Workshop and Public
  Presentations
  Week of May 14, 2018

• Proposals Due
  Late May

• Notification of Funding
  Early June 2018
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