BMB Research Seed Grants

The mission of the BMB Research Seed Grant Program is to promote BMB researchers at all levels to develop new avenues of research and/or collaborations that extend beyond their lab’s current research. The BMB Research Seed grant program goal is to stimulate new interactions with external scientists outside of the department. A broad spectrum of proposal topics will be considered including fundamental studies in biochemistry/biophysics as well as more applied or disease-oriented studies that utilize quantitative or mechanistic approaches as a central component of the research.

Eligibility: Research faculty (non-tenure track), instructors, scientists, postdoctoral researchers and graduate students are all eligible.

Funding: Funding will cover research related expenses only; salary is not allowed. Allowable expenses include lab reagents/supplies and research/lab services. Amount of funding varies with the level of the scientist as follows:

- Research faculty (non-tenure track) and Instructors: Up to $20,000
- Scientists and Postdocs: Up to $10,000
- Graduate students: Up to $5,000

These funds must be used specifically to develop new avenues of research and/or collaborations that extend beyond their lab’s current research.

Application Process: Applicants must submit an application consisting of the following:

1. Name of applicant
2. Official current title (e.g. Postdoctoral Researcher)
3. BMB Lab affiliation
4. Name of proposed collaborator(s) and their affiliation(s)
5. Letter of support from proposed collaborator (required)
6. Description of proposed research (2 page maximum). Note, this must include a section specifically describing how this grant will enable the researcher to extend their current work, allow for new research avenues, and/or promote new collaborations.
7. Budget and budget justification

Applications are due by May 1st. An internal committee will review and name awardees by early June.

Please send applications or questions to Melissa Arenz (torresm@wustl.edu)