**SEED GRANTS FOR COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH**

**BETWEEN NYU-POLY AND NYU**

**PURPOSE**  
The purpose of this seed grant program is to support and strengthen collaborative research between NYU-Poly and one or more units of NYU to serve as a platform for obtaining large-scale extramural funding.

**ELIGIBILITY**

This program is intended to initiate new research collaborations. Proposals require at least one co-Principal Investigator (co-PI) from NYU-Poly and at least one co-PI from one other unit of NYU. The co-PIs must be tenured and tenure track faculty members, or be eligible for being principal investigators on research proposals. Seed funding under this program is expected to enable successful competition for extramural funds supporting long-term research.

Proposals will not be reviewed if they were unsuccessful in the previous round or were submitted to an extramural agency and found non-competitive by that agency. Exceptions may be made if they received high scores or highly positive reviews, and the deficiencies which caused the rejection by the agency are addressed convincingly.

**SUPPORT**

Awards of $100,000 for one year will be made. The funds will not be subject to overhead and may be used for salaries and fringe benefits of postdoctoral fellows, students, technicians, and other non-faculty project personnel, as well as materials and supplies relevant to the project, but not for faculty salaries, travel unrelated to the project; conferences, consultants, or office equipment including computers. The distribution of funding between NYU-Poly and other participating units of NYU is not mandated, but the key element is genuine collaboration.

**APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

One copy of the proposal should be attached ELECTRONICALLY to the email as one rolling pdf and forwarded to the Office of the Provost of NYU-Poly.

1. The application must include:

Cover sheet (including names of co-PIs and school affiliation, title of the proposal and the desired starting date

Abstract of the proposal - 1 page

Technical Proposal limited to 3 pages

References - limited to 1 page

Plans for extramural support - 1 page (state the skills and commitment that each co-PI brings to the proposal)

Budget (personnel, supplies, etc. – word or excel format)

Current and Pending Support for each co-PI

Biographical sketch (limit to 2 pages for each co-PI, preferably following the NSF format)

Letter of support from Chairpersons from Poly and the participating NYU unit

2. Further guidance:

The project description must state the significance of the research, its potential impact; specific goals, objectives and anticipated results; description of methods; the resources needed for this project and their availability.

It is critically important to provide a specific plan for the development of extramural proposals. Indicate the extramural agencies from which you seek the support and state why you anticipate that this seed grant will leverage that support. Please also note the external grant submission deadline that will be targeted.

No additional information than that requested above will be reviewed.

**REVIEW AND EVALUATION CRITERIA**

All proposals will be reviewed by an internal joint committee between NYU and NYU-Poly. The first round of proposals will be accepted by February 15, 2013. Emphasis will be placed on:

* Significant scientific merit and new directions of research
* Strengthening of research partnerships between NYU-Poly and another unit of NYU
* High potential for extramural funding