Targeted Grants to Institutes

Request for Applications

The Simons Foundation’s Mathematics and Physical Sciences (MPS) division invites applications for the Targeted Grants to Institutes program.

**Rationale:** The program is intended to support established institutes or centers in the mathematics and physical sciences through funding to help strengthen contacts within the international scientific community. Our aim is to enable institutes to extend and enhance their missions; this program will not provide primary support for operating or establishing an institute.

**Level and Duration of Funding:** A typical targeted grant to an institute provides funding for three to five years at a level of $100,000 to $200,000 per year, which includes 20 percent in indirect costs to the institution.

**Allowable Expenses:** The funding provided under the targeted grant is flexible and based on the type of support requested by the institution in the proposal.

Please see the foundation’s grant policies on our website for further guidelines: [https://www.simonsfoundation.org/funding/policies-and-procedures/](https://www.simonsfoundation.org/funding/policies-and-procedures/).

Please note that travel expenses are not capped at $4,000 per year per individual for this program.

**Unspent Funds:** Generally, any grant funds not spent after one year may be spent in subsequent years without prior approval. Unspent funds at the end of the grant period must be returned to the foundation unless express permission is obtained for a specified future use.

**Reporting:** Annual financial statements and progress reports are due within 60 days of the end of each grant year.

**Eligibility:** Applications may be submitted by established U.S. and foreign public and private educational and nonprofit institutes and research centers. The program is not intended to support institutes or centers whose main purpose is to provide a focal point for research of faculty at a specific university.

Examples of institutes and activities the foundation is currently supporting through this program can be found in the Awardees list.
Number of Awards: The foundation expects to award up to three targeted grants each year.

How to Apply: Institutions, via single applicants, may apply through proposalCENTRAL (https://proposalcentral.altum.com/default.asp). The deadline to apply is October 16, 2017, at 11:59:59 p.m. EST. No extensions will be granted. There is no limit to the number of applications per institution.

Please coordinate submission of the proposal with the appropriate officials in accordance with institution policies. Please refer to the Application Instructions for further information on and requirements for submitting an application.

Application Requirements Include:

- A summary of the support requested (six-page limit, plus up to two pages for references and figures), including the specific scientific goals, background relevant to the application and the significance of the proposed support.

- A detailed, yearly three- to five-year budget in U.S. dollars, along with a budget justification and proposed start and end dates. Awards must begin no later than July 1, 2018.

- A curriculum vitae for all key scientific personnel directly involved in the proposal, which should include:
  - Ph.D. year, institution, advisor, positions held, and honors and awards;
  - a list of current and former collaborators, postdoctoral fellows supervised and Ph.D. students trained within the past five years; and
  - a list of up to ten relevant publications.

- Statement of current and pending support for all key scientific personnel directly involved in the proposal.

- 501(c)(3) equivalency determination letter from the IRS for international institutions only. Please see the Application Instructions for further information on this requirement.

Funding decisions will be announced by December 31, 2017.

Important Dates:

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