Ecology, Evolution, and Behavior (EEB) Program
Request for Seed Grant Proposals

The EEB Seed Grant program prioritizes projects that facilitate development of proposals for external RFPs, led by MSU, and aimed at large-scale and/or collaborative research and training (e.g., center grant proposals, training grant proposals, or proposals that represent new collaborations among EEB or EEB faculty and external partners). Core EEB faculty are eligible to submit proposals. Seed grants can be used to cover a wide range of costs that will maximize the likelihood a proposal is funded. The maximum request is $20k per project, although we expect most projects will have lower budgets. EEB will collaborate with other MSU entities (e.g. AgBioResearch) and may share proposals (with permission of PIs) in an effort to co-sponsor worthy projects and maximize use of available funds. The Seed Grant Program will run for at least three years (FY21-FY23) with an expected total budget of $60k in FY23 from EEB.

The deadline for FY23 proposals is March 1, 2023 with a target dissemination of funds to selected projects in April 2023.

Proposals should be uploaded here.
You will receive an email indicating that your proposal was received within two days. If you do not receive an email, please send a message to Lars Brudvig (brudvig@msu.edu) or Catherine Lindell (lindellc@msu.edu) and eeb@msu.edu.

In addition to filling out the information in the webform, proposals should contain the following information (points 1-8) in one pdf file:

1) Title of seed grant proposal
2) The title of the external RFP solicitation to which the PI plans to submit and a link to the website with a description of the RFP
3) The target proposal submission date to the external RFP
4) List of key personnel, their roles on the project (e.g., PI, co-PI, etc.), job titles, and department/program affiliations
5) State whether you have previously received an EEB seed grant and, if yes, the outcome. Although the primary purpose of the seed grants is to increase the success rate of proposal submissions, you should also list any other products, such as publications, that resulted from, for example, the analysis of preliminary data that was funded by a seed grant and used in a proposal.

First five points should be maximum of two pages.

6) Project description including: a summary of the proposal for the external RFP, including how the proposed work is innovative and would result in major new innovations or collaborations led by MSU. The description should also include the status of the external proposal, and how

seed funds can help facilitate completion of the proposal and/or increase the quality of the proposal/project (maximum two pages).

7) Budget and justification (maximum one page).

8) CV of project lead (we encourage a brief, 2-page cv with recent publications, grants, and significant service activities, including EEB activities).

The timeline will be similar in succeeding years. If a proposal opportunity comes up unexpectedly outside the regular timeline, contact the Seed Committee co-chairs and/or the EEB Director to discuss.