

Competitive Applications Resubmission Incentive (CARI) Program Guidelines

Purpose

The CARI program supports research that shows significant potential for external funding and that supports the mission of departments, colleges, and the university. Specifically, CARI provides funding needed for the resubmissions of competitive proposals – those that received high ratings from the sponsor.

Deadlines

Application deadline: N/A, as appropriate, with external submission cycles and deadlines.

Deadline to submit external proposal: Within one year of CARI, award date.

Deadline to spend CARI funds: Date of proposed external proposal submission or as noted in the award letter.

Eligibility

All full-time continuing members of the faculty who have obtained the terminal degree appropriate to the profession and are tenured or tenure-track faculty may apply to the CARI program. Staff members on continuing appointments who have served as a principal investigator or co-investigator on an externally sponsored project or have a research appointment are also eligible for the CARI program.

A “competitive application” for the purposes of this program is a major, potentially career-enhancing or career-defining full proposal that was submitted to an external funding agency and received high ratings from the funding agency (e.g., primarily “very goods” and “excellents” from NSF-type proposals, or an estimated score of 35 and lower in NIH-type proposals).

CARI support is available for only one re-submission per project; multiple applications for resubmission to the same program that are not distinctly different projects will not be considered. Resubmissions to the CARI program for the same project are not allowed. A written response to the internal review will be considered only when an applicant believes that the review missed important points that would impact the final decision.

All applicants must have submitted completed final reports and fulfilled the terms and conditions, including resubmission of the external proposal, of CARI projects previously funded by the SIUE Graduate School. This requirement applies to all PIs and Co-PIs of the previous CARI award.

Award Description

Pending available funds, the anticipated total annual funding available for this program is \$60,000. Maximum funding will be \$6,000 per application, except in unusual circumstances, and will be provided for a maximum of one year. The following line items are allowable and must be fully justified in the budget justification: academic year assigned time (course buyout using the call staff rate per course); GA or RA support; undergraduate student support; commodities, contractual services, equipment, travel.

How to Apply

First, contact the Graduate School's Office of Research and Projects at sueresearch@siue.edu to confirm eligibility. Eligible applicants will submit their application materials in Kuali Build. See the [Graduate School Forms page](#) to access the Competitive Application Resubmission Initiative (CARI) Application form.

Application Packet Checklist

To obtain the funding agency's perspective on the reviewer comments and priorities for changes, applicants must contact the funding agency (e.g., program officer) prior to submitting a CARI proposal.

1. Proposal Approval Form with signature from chair and dean (approving budget).
2. Narrative Plan that discusses (1) how the proposed work addresses the program officer's feedback and review panel's comments in such a way to improve the likelihood of funding on resubmission and (2) how the proposed work relates to the revised proposal that will address all reviewer comments and be submitted.
Applicants must specify the targeted program and submission date. Pages must be numbered. (maximum five pages)
3. Timeline to meet projected submission date (maximum one page)
4. Budget and Budget Justification (maximum two pages).
5. Summary of communication with the funding agency's program officer regarding original proposal and opinion regarding resubmittal.
6. Complete copy of original proposal submitted to agency.
7. Copy of official reviewer comments and scores from agency.
8. Summary evidence of outcomes resulting from any previous internal funding (maximum one page).

Terms and Conditions

All awarded budget line items must be expended by the proposed submission date in the application and as outlined in the award letter. Any unspent funds on this date will be forfeited. The submission of a final report is required within 1 month of project completion. The resubmission of the revised proposal to the funding agency is also required.

These terms and conditions must be met by all awarded CARI PIs and Co-PIs before they can be eligible for any future funding from the Graduate School.

Review Criteria

1. Level of external reviewer scores, reviewer comments, and feedback by the agency's program officer.
2. How well the proposal addresses the external agency feedback and improves the likelihood of funding upon resubmission.
3. Feasibility of the scope and timeline of the project plan.

4. Appropriateness of the budget.
5. Record of outcomes from previous internal funding.

Review Process

The Dean of the Graduate School makes all final decisions regarding this program. The Dean of the Graduate School may refer applications to a faculty committee for reviews and recommendations.