



Welcome to the Advanced Research Grants Program Application Portal

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Name \*

Last Name \*

Legal Entity Name \*

Legal Entity Type \*

Academic

Non-Profit

For Profit

Email Address \*

Phone Number \*

Cell Phone Number (optional)

Work Postal Address \*

City \*

State \*

Zipcode \*

## Administrator Contact

Please provide contact information for your entity's external research funds administrator (Non-PI). This person will be included in all communications related to your future applications.

Full Name *	
Position *	
Email Address *	
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Female

Male

Prefer not to say

Prefer to self-describe

Highest Academic degree received \*

- High School
- Associate

Bachelor

Master

PhD

MD
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MD/PhD

Have you applied for Trust's Funds before?\*

Yes

No

Have you received Trust's Funds before?\*

Yes

No

Have you received federal/private funding before (other than the Trust)?\*

Yes

No

Please provide your ORCID ID. If you don't have one please register here

ORCID number \*

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- Technology/Product Development for Commercialization.

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Deadline to submit an LOI: November 7, 2018 until 11:59pm (AST).

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- Biotechnology and Life Sciences
- Medical Devices
- Aerospace
- O Clean Technologies/Renewable Energy
- Agriculture
- Environmental Sciences
- Electronics
- Other
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4. Suggested Areas of Expertise for Review

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Provide a brief statement of the market need. How does your technology provide a solution to this need? What are the competing technologies? What is the competitive advantage of your work over existing methods and/or technologies?

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Yes

No

Provide name of the research institution: \*

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Only invited applicants will have access to the Full Proposal stage. Invited applicants will be notified by email. The status bar will turn yellow to indicate that an action must be completed.

### Full Proposal

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### Letter of Intent

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### Letter of Intent Submission

### Instructions:

Thank you for submitting your application.

Your application is now in the process of being reviewed and you will be contacted if any additional information is needed.

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### Advance Research Grant Full Proposal

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Key Personnel/Collaborator 2:

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### 4. Type of research: \*

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2. Research/Technology Background (3,500 characters with spaces): \*

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3. Preliminary Data (7,000 characters with spaces): \*

What has the proposer accomplished to date in terms of research, development and/or commercialization efforts? Describe how preliminary data support the hypothesis to be tested and the feasibility of the project.

Please include figures, figure legends and tables as one PDF attachment. All included figures/tables must be cited in the text. Maximum of five figures/tables.\*

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4. Statement of Work (SOW): Aims, milestones and timeline (10,500 characters with spaces): \*

Include an overall project plan that includes a Statement of Work with task descriptions, quarterly technical performance milestones, and specific final program aims. The inclusion of timelines or Gantt charts is highly encouraged. How will success on the project be measured? Proposals should state clearly the expected duration of the project and a rationale for it.

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5. Project Management and Collaborators (7, 000 characters with spaces): \*

Provide a brief summary of the project team members, including their relevant skills and time commitment to the proposed project. If the project is to be conducted in collaboration with a third party entity (e.g. a collaboration with academia, other private entity, etc.) please provide information about the third party entity and their expected scope of work. If specific consultants will be critical for the project's success, please also include a summary of their role.

Please include the Curriculum vitae of key personnel and consultants as one PDF document (maximum of four pages per person).\*

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6. Resources and Environment (3,500 characters with spaces): \*

Describe the resources (e.g. equipment and facilities) that will be used to conduct the proposed work and how these contribute to the probability of success. If resources are to be accessed from third-party collaborators, provide evidence of third party's support to the Project (e.g. Letter of support in the section below).

In the budget narrative justify the uses of funds for the proposed timeline. In a table, itemize all proposed direct costs for personnel, materials, equipment, travel, subcontractors, consultants, and/or suppliers, and facilities. Include indirect cost if applicable. Please refer to the ARG Guidelines for allowable costs.

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8. Keywords: \*

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9. Potential Reviewers (optional):

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### 10. Support Letters. Please include all letters as PDF attachments. Maximum of five letters.

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- 4. Type of research: \*
- Basic/Translational Research

Technology/Product Development for Commercialization

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Include a description of the intellectual property (IP) landscape for the technology or innovation. How does the applicant plan to protect any IP resulting from this project? If applicable, describe any IP obtained at present. In the case of technology development, if the technology is being transferred from a local research institution, provide the name of the institution and explain briefly the type of agreement reached with the institution.

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8. Commercialization Plan (7, 000 characters with spaces): \*

Provide a clear and concise description of the proposed technology's market potential and the planned path to commercialization. The description needs to, at a minimum, address the following basic questions: #####Who will be doing the commercialization? What is the projected time for commercialization? How will the plan be carried out? How much (in round numbers) will the commercialization cost? What are the initial target markets and their approximate size? Who are your initial customers and what value does the technology provide to them? What is the competitive advantage that will help your product succeed? ######The potential economic development impact (e.g. company collaborations, startups, spinouts, new or enhanced product offerings, job creation, licensing opportunities, etc.) and any related special circumstances should be clearly described.

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Once completed please click the blue "Save" button.





### Profile

In order to gain access to the Advanced Research Grants application, the applicant must first register by creating a user profile. Information on the User Profile will be used as a statistical metric and will not be used as evaluation criteria.

### Instructions:

Please click "+Create a Profile to Get Started" to begin your Profile.

Please click the edit "Pen & Paper" icon to complete your Profile. You can always view your Profile by clicking the "Eye" icon.

The Profile is always editable. You cannot start your application until you have completed the Profile.

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### Instructions:

To begin your application, click "+Get Started" on the Submission Card below. This will bring you to the application.

When you return to this Homepage, you can see the status of your application because the Submission Card will have a colored status bar at the bottom.

- . If the status bar is grey, in color, their application is in a review status, and no action needs to be taken at the moment.
- . If the status bar is orange, that means that there is an action/step that the applicant needs to take. A form needs to be filled out, etc.
- . If the status bar is red, that means that there is an error and the applicant should reach out to you or an administrator.



### The status bar will turn grey to indicate the submission was completed and is under review.