

2025 CITRIS Seed Funding Application

Now accepting applications for the 2025 funding cycle.

Proposals are due on **April 22, 2025 by 5 p.m. Pacific Time.**

Information about the 2025 Request for Proposals (RFP) is available [here](#).

Please contact us at seedteam@citris-uc.org with any issues, we are actively monitoring this account and are here to assist you with a successful proposal.

* Indicates required question



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Eligibility

1. First Name *

2. Last Name *

3. Email *

4. 1. Do you have Principal Investigator (PI) or exceptional Principal Investigator status, as defined by your campus administration?

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Other:

5. 2. Are you based at one of the CITRIS campuses: UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UC Davis Health, UC Merced or UC Santa Cruz ? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

6. Is at least one (1) of your co-PIs located at a different CITRIS campus than you are? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes Skip to question 7

No

Skip to section 3 (Based on the responses above, you are not eligible to apply for the CITRIS Seed Funding Award. Only those with campus-designated Principal Investigator status at UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UC Davis Health, UC Merced, and UC Santa Cruz are eligible to submit applications to this program. Administrative staff may assist with completing the form on behalf of a PI. **If you feel there has been an error, please get in touch with us at seedteam@citris-uc.org**)

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Terms for Applicants

7. To proceed with applying, you must agree to the following terms. Please check both boxes. *

Check all that apply.

CITRIS seed funds cannot be used for faculty salary or non-resident tuition.

Each PI may participate in a maximum of two proposals per program cycle, and only in the role of lead investigator

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Project Details

8. 2025 Proposal Categories: *

Select the categories your project best falls within.

Check all that apply.

Artificial Intelligence, Autonomy and Robotics

Aviation

Digital Health

Sustainability & Climate Resilience

9. Project Title *

10. Project Summary *

Please provide a short abstract about the work. This text may be used in public-facing materials to summarize your proposal, including for non-technical audiences.

(200 words or less)

11. Full Project Narrative *

Please explain the nature of the information technology challenge or opportunity this project addresses. What is compelling about it from a technical, economic and/or social viewpoint? Please address the size and scope of this issue in society, followed by the approach you propose for a targeted 12-month investigation into the subject.

(1,000 words or less)

12. Impact Statement *

How will this work help to advance the specified field of study? In addition, what are the anticipated societal benefits of this project -- either from the initial 12-month results or future application at scale?

Optional: what implications might this project have for policy and regulation, workforce development, or diversity and inclusion related to technology?

(500 words or less)

13. Downstream Applications *

How might you build upon the results of this early-stage Seed Award? Address possible next steps, follow-on funding sources or external partnerships to scale up the work.

(300 words or less)

14. What discipline(s) does your research best align with? *

Check all that apply.

- Computer and Information Science and Engineering
- Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences
- Biological Sciences
- Environmental Research Education
- Other: _____

15. Societal Impact Topics (optional)

Does this proposal address any of the following aspects of technology and society? These are optional and help us to identify appropriate reviewers. Please select any that apply:

Check all that apply.

- Policy, legislation or regulation
- Diversity, equity, inclusion or accessibility
- Workforce development
- Other: _____

16. Citations *

Please include a URL for up to three references that inform the proposal described above.

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Budget & Resources

17. Performance Period Start Date *

Mark only one oval.

- July 1, 2025
- January 1, 2026

18. Project Budget *

Total Funding Requested:

The proposal amount must not exceed \$60,000, spanning a 12-month performance period.

19. Budget Narrative *

Please include a brief description of the planned expenses at each campus for this research. Include information about timeframes for hiring, procurement or human subjects review if relevant.

(200 words or less)

20. Budget Allocation to Principal Investigators *

Please indicate how much of the total project budget will be allocated to each principal investigator.

If a principal investigator will not receive funds from the award in any category below, please enter "0" in the box - each box REQUIRES an entry, if a PI is listed.

Example: for \$25,500 enter 25,500 below.

Use the link below to make a copy and upload a shareable link below.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1NpTDSEc8qcbu4ldv1Fsv70b0KmK1430aFG4w9N_7fdk/edit?usp=sharing

21. Opt-in to Alternate Funding Opportunities *

In addition to deploying our core funds, CITRIS is committed to raising extramural funding to support innovative research proposals. Sources include industry, foundations and donors within our network. We will contact the Lead Investigator with any promising opportunities.

Please confirm that all Principal Investigators on this application agree to one of the following:

Mark only one oval.

- Yes, CITRIS may promote this proposal to relevant funding sources
- No, CITRIS may not promote this proposal to relevant funding sources
- Maybe, please contact me for clarification

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Lead Principal Investigator Information:

You will have the opportunity to add information about co-PIs. Please enter each PI's contact details and RA's details.

22. Lead PI: First Name *

23. Lead PI: Last Name *

24. Lead PI: Email Address *

25. Lead PI: Campus Affiliation *

Mark only one oval.

- UC Berkeley
- UC Davis
- UC Davis Health
- UC Merced
- UC Santa Cruz

26. Lead PI: Home Department *

Provide link to the campus and/or lab home department page with your profile.

27. Lead PI: Link to Professional CV or Resume *

Provide a shareable link that is viewable by all.

28. Lead PI: Prior CITRIS Seed Awards *

Has the lead Principal Investigator for this proposal received CITRIS seed funding in the past? Before issuing new awards to prior winners, we request completion of a brief outcome report or progress update. Our team may be in touch to confirm this after all applications have been received.

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

29. If yes, please list the previous project title(s) and award year(s)

30. Lead PI: Research Administrator's Full Name *

31. Lead PI: Research Administrator's Email Address *

32. **Demographic Info of Lead PI:**

Are you pre-tenured faculty?

(Optional) the following prompts help to inform our program engagement and outreach activities. Responses are entirely voluntary. We will not consider this information when evaluating your proposal.

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Unknown

33. What gender identity do you most identify with?

Check all that apply.

- Male
- Female
- Nonbinary
- Other: _____

34. Which of the following groups best describes your ethnic background?

Check all that apply.

- I am Hispanic/Latino/a
- I am not Hispanic/Latino/a
- I do not wish to answer
- Other: _____

35. Which of the following groups best describes your racial background?

Check all that apply.

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or Other Native Pacific Islander
- White/Caucasian
- Other: _____

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Co-Principal Investigator 1 information

36. Co-PI 1: First Name *

37. Co-PI 1: Last Name *

38. Co-PI 1: Email Address *

39. Co-PI 1: Campus Affiliation *

Mark only one oval.

- UC Berkeley
- UC Davis
- UC Davis Health
- UC Merced
- UC Santa Cruz

40. Co-PI 1: Home Department *

Provide link to the campus and/or lab home department page with your profile.

41. Co-PI 1: Link to Professional CV or Resume *

Provide a shareable link that is viewable by all.

42. Co-PI 1: Prior CITRIS Seed Awards *

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Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

43. If yes, please list the previous project title(s) and award year(s)

44. Co-PI 1: Research Administrator's Full Name *

45. Co-PI 1: Research Administrator's Email Address *

46. **Demographic Info of Co-PI 1:**

Are you pre-tenured faculty?

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Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Unknown

47. What gender identity do you most identify with?

Check all that apply.

- Male
- Female
- Nonbinary
- Other: _____

48. Which of the following groups best describes your ethnic background?

Check all that apply.

- I am Hispanic/Latino/a
- I am not Hispanic/Latino/a
- I do not wish to answer
- Other: _____

49. Which of the following groups best describes your racial background?

Check all that apply.

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or Other Native Pacific Islander
- White/Caucasian
- Other: _____

50. **Continue: do you have another investigator to add to this proposal? ***

Mark only one oval.

- Yes *Skip to question 51*
- No *Skip to question 80*

Co-Principal Investigator 2 Information

51. Co-PI 2: First Name *

52. Co-PI 2: Last Name *

53. Co-PI 2: Email Address *

54. Co-PI 2: Campus Affiliation *

Mark only one oval.

- UC Berkeley
- UC Davis
- UC Davis Health
- UC Merced
- UC Santa Cruz

55. Co-PI 2: Home Department *

Provide link to the campus and/or lab home department page with your profile.

56. Co-PI 2: Link to Professional CV or Resume *

Provide a shareable link that is viewable by all.

57. Co-PI 2: Research Administrator's Full Name *

58. Co-PI 2: Prior CITRIS Seed Awards *

Has the lead Principal Investigator for this proposal received CITRIS seed funding in the past? Before issuing new awards to prior winners, we request completion of a brief outcome report or progress update. Our team may be in touch to confirm this after all applications have been received.

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

59. If yes, please list the previous project title(s) and award year(s)

60. Co-PI 2: Research Administrator's Email Address *

61. **Demographic Info of Co-PI 2:**

Are you pre-tenured faculty?

(Optional) the following prompts help to inform our program engagement and outreach activities. Responses are entirely voluntary. We will not consider this information when evaluating your proposal.

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

62. What gender identity do you most identify with?

Check all that apply.

- Male
- Female
- Nonbinary
- Other: _____

63. Which of the following groups best describes your ethnic background?

Check all that apply.

- I am Hispanic/Latino/a
- I am not Hispanic/Latino/a
- I do not wish to answer
- Other: _____

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Check all that apply.

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- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or Other Native Pacific Islander
- White/Caucasian
- Other: _____

65. **Continue: do you have another investigator to add to this proposal? ***

Mark only one oval.

- Yes Skip to question 66
- No Skip to question 80

Co-Principal Investigator 3 Information

66. Co-PI 3: First Name *

67. Co-PI 3: Last Name *

68. Co-PI 3: Email Address *

69. Co-PI 3: Campus Affiliation *

Mark only one oval.

- UC Berkeley
- UC Davis
- UC Davis Health
- UC Merced
- UC Santa Cruz

70. Co-PI 3: Home Department *

Provide link to the campus and/or lab home department page with your profile.

71. Co-PI 3: Link to Professional CV or Resume *

Provide a shareable link that is viewable by all.

72. Co-PI 3: Prior CITRIS Seed Awards *

Has the lead Principal Investigator for this proposal received CITRIS seed funding in the past? Before issuing new awards to prior winners, we request completion of a brief outcome report or progress update. Our team may be in touch to confirm this after all applications have been received.

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

73. If yes, please list the previous project title(s) and award year(s)

74. Co-PI 3: Research Administrator's Full Name *

75. Co-PI 3: Research Administrator's Email Address *

76. **Demographic Info of Co-PI 3:**

Are you pre-tenured faculty?

(Optional) the following prompts help to inform our program engagement and outreach activities. Responses are entirely voluntary. We will not consider this information when evaluating your proposal.

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

77. What gender identity do you most identify with?

Check all that apply.

- Male
- Female
- Nonbinary
- Other: _____

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Check all that apply.

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- I do not wish to answer
- Other: _____

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- Black or African American
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Questions and Comments

80. Please share your questions and feedback below
