# IS resources: <https://ssri.psu.edu/resources#implementation-and-dissemination-science-resources>

# Call for Proposals on

# Implementation Science

The Social Science Research Institute (SSRI) invites proposals to develop and integrate Implementation Science (IS) into ongoing interdisciplinary research programs. We seek to support IS projects aimed at identifying effective strategies for translating scientific discoveries into broad and sustained, real-world use—such as in the form of effective programs, policies, practices and products--toward the betterment of the human condition.

We will prioritize applications that:

* Propose novel IS in the context of ongoing interdisciplinary research programs;
* Detail sound and feasible IS methods by a team with requisite expertise and that includes members with track records of external funding;
* Articulate the value of an addition of IS to the ongoing research program;
* Provide a compelling case for how the proposed IS advances the research program’s potential to achieve real world impact.

# Eligibility

Although research teams can include students, post docs, faculty from other institutions and other external collaborators, our intent is to support interdisciplinary teams involving Penn State's faculty. For this reason, team leaders should be tenure track or research faculty with continuing appointments. Single investigator proposals will not be considered. Investigators may be PI/MPI on only one proposal; however, investigators may serve as a collaborator on up to two proposals.

**Timeline**

December 18, 2020: Call for proposals released

February 15, 2021: Proposals due by 5pm Eastern Time

March 15, 2021: Funding decisions announced

# Proposal Guidelines

This funding mechanism is designed to support conceptually grounded IS with specific research questions, an identified team of Penn State faculty collaborators, and the potential to promote the real-world impacts of ongoing interdisciplinary research programs.

* **Awards are up to $25,000**
* Members of SSRI’s Steering Committee and relevant college Associate Deans will provide reviews
* Funds are allocated for a 12-24 month period (see Timeline below)

**Support will be provided for:**

* IS to promote translation of interdisciplinary research for real world impact
* “Community” (stakeholder) engagement activities
* Travel, consultants, graduate student time (not including tuition per below), or hourly support of activities
	+ **Note:** special guidelines for international travel
		- Funds will be provided for only one investigator
		- Funds will not be provided for graduate student travel
		- Proposals must include a letter of support from the international collaborator(s) outlining his/her role in the project

**Funds are NOT intended to support:**

* Student (masters, dissertation research) or post-doctoral projects
* Projects of individual faculty members
* Funding for activities supported by departments and colleges (travel to conferences, computer or software purchase unless specific to the proposed study, etc.)
* Salary of tenured/tenure track faculty
* Projects involving a Penn State faculty member and external collaborators only; our goal is to build and support Penn State teams
* Publication costs
* Graduate student tuition

**Criteria for Review**

NIH funding criteria will be used to evaluate proposals including as follows:

* Novel research with potential for real-world impact
* Well-articulated aims built on a strong, ongoing research program; we will prioritize those that are built on externally funded research programs
* Rigorous and reliable IS methods
* Interdisciplinary teams comprised of investigators with relevant expertise; we will prioritize teams that range in seniority
* For human subjects research, proposals must provide strong evidence for access to the population of interest; investigators are expected to prepare and submit the appropriate requests for IRB approval.

**Structure and Submission of Proposals**

Proposals should be single-spaced, in Times New Roman font size no smaller than 12-point type, left-aligned with one-inch margins (see Proposal Submission Form below). Please include a NIH or NSF biosketch for each investigator. Your proposal should be sent as **one document**, including letters of support and biosketches to ssri-seed-grant@psu.edu.  To complete your proposal submission complete and email the Proposal Submission Form below.

**Other issues to consider as you prepare your proposal**

* Consult with the SSRI Director about your project as needed.
* If you need time and funding to network, organize your team or further develop your research ideas, consider applying for a SSRI Level 1 project at <https://ssri.psu.edu/funding/ssri-level-1-funding>

**Project Reports**

Funded investigators are required to provide an annual project status update and a brief (one page) final report upon completing the project. These materials allow us to track and report outcomes as well as monitor the success of our seed grant program. If you need to make changes to the project team, description, design, or budget during the course of your projects, please send a request to ssri-seed-grant@psu.edu with the specific details of these changes.