



## REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS: NDSU CAMPUS TRACK-1 EMERGING AREA SEED AWARD PROPOSALS

Issued: August 4, 2016

Application Deadline: Noon, September 1, 2016

*Limited Funding Available: Early Applications Encouraged*

**TO: NDSU Faculty**  
**FROM: ND EPSCoR, NDSU Office**  
**RE: Track-1 Emerging Area Seed Award**

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**Purpose:**

ND EPSCoR seeks to provide up to four \$25,000 seed awards to NDSU researchers, (not associated with the **2014-2019** ND EPSCoR NSF Track-1 proposal) AND current ND EPSCoR Track-1 Tribal College (TC) and Primarily Undergraduate Institution (PUI) participants who may collaborate with them. (*See link to TC and PUI Track-1 participants list below*). In an effort to pursue high impact areas of emerging collaborative research between the ND EPSCoR Centers of Sustainable Materials Science (CSMS) and Regional Climate Studies (CRCS), awarded projects must augment the ongoing intellectual merit AND/OR broader impact components of the ND EPSCoR Track-1 project by building/improving collaboration channels between the two ND EPSCoR Centers. *See link to Strategic plan below.*

**Eligibility:**

Applications must be made by a NDSU researcher who was not part of the original 2014-19 ND EPSCoR NSF Track-1 proposal. Priority will be given to applicants who partner with current TC or PUI Track-1 participants.

**Primary evaluation criteria:**

Primary evaluation criteria will include:

1. Consolidation of the ongoing ND EPSCoR Track-1 SMS and RCS efforts through intellectual merit related to sustainable materials science or regional climate studies AND/OR through the broader impacts of the ND EPSCoR Track-1 project elements of diversity; education and workforce development; or partnerships, collaboration and communication (see ND EPSCoR Track-1 Strategic Plan).
2. Collaboration between the NDSU researcher, defined above, and a current ND EPSCoR Track-1 participant at a TC located in ND (Cankdeska Cikana Community College, Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College, Sitting Bull College, Turtle Mountain Community College or United Tribes Technical College) or a ND university system PUI (Dickinson State University, Mayville State University, Minot State University or Valley City State University).
3. Transformative nature of the collaborative proposal for the ND EPSCoR Track-1 sustainable materials science and regional climate studies projects and beyond; either intellectual merit- or broader impact-based.
4. Potential for submitting competitive research proposals to the NSF during the award or shortly thereafter.

**Allowable expenses (The total \$25K expenditures is for direct costs, not overall costs.):**

1. Faculty (up to \$5,000 in salary and related fringe benefits)
2. Student salary and related fringe benefits;
3. Research supplies (including minor equipment);
4. Travel (i.e.: to collaborating institutions or field study sites; however, conference travel is not allowed under this award).

**Application Requirements:** (*Submit BOTH paper and electronic versions*). **Paper submission:** Original + 1. Staple original and the copy. Submit items in the order as listed in the box below as ONE submission to: ND EPSCoR, Suite 142, Research One.

**Electronic submission:** Submit complete application in a single PDF file to [jean.ostrom-blonigen@ndsu.edu](mailto:jean.ostrom-blonigen@ndsu.edu) with a copy to [elizabeth.jung@ndsu.edu](mailto:elizabeth.jung@ndsu.edu) via email attachment. Please indicate subject line as *Tk 1 Emerging Area Application*.

**Checklist Requirements:**

1. ND EPSCoR Cover page (template).
2. Executive Summary. 1 page limit.
3. Project Description: No more than four (4) double-spaced pages, font no smaller than 10. Required sections: 1) Introduction, 2) Proposed research, 3) Nature of collaborative fit between the ND EPSCoR centers (SMS and RCS), and 4) Anticipated results.
4. NSF-style Current and Pending form.
5. NSF-style Budget Sheet (template).
6. A tentative list of federal programs to which proposals may be submitted as a result of this support.

**Award Announcements and Additional Information:**

Awards will be announced on or about September 27, 2016. The effective award dates are from October 1, 2016 to July 31, 2017, after which time all remaining funds may be recovered. Funds are expected to be available on October 1, 2016 and throughout the entire award period. Awards are contingent upon continued funding from the National Science Foundation and the State of North Dakota.

Please direct questions to Jean Ostrom-Blonigen, Project Administrator, at 701.231.7516 or [jean.ostrom-blonigen@ndsu.edu](mailto:jean.ostrom-blonigen@ndsu.edu) OR Elizabeth Jung at 701.231.1048 or [elizabeth.jung@ndsu.edu](mailto:elizabeth.jung@ndsu.edu)

**For information about:**

- ND EPSCoR Center for Sustainable Materials Science, please visit the web site at: <http://csms-ndsu.org/>
- ND EPSCoR Center for Regional Climate Studies, please visit the web site at: <http://cracs.und.edu/>
- ND EPSCoR NSF Track-1 Strategic Plan, please visit the web site at:  
<https://www.ndepscor.ndus.edu/fileadmin/ndus/ndepscor/documents/Track1PlanJan2015.pdf>
- *TC and PUI Track-1 participants list for Tk-1 Emerging Areas RFA at*  
[https://www.ndepscor.ndus.edu/fileadmin/ndus/ndepscor/Other\\_Grants/EmergAreasContactListAug2016.pdf](https://www.ndepscor.ndus.edu/fileadmin/ndus/ndepscor/Other_Grants/EmergAreasContactListAug2016.pdf)