

## 2018 Call for Proposals, SPCEET

The purpose of this seed fund is to support the research and proposal development of SPCEET faculty members. This funding aims to promote research that will: a) compete for larger externally sponsored research awards, b) attract and leverage other local/federal agency or industry funding, and/or c) in other ways enhance the technological competitiveness of SPCEET.

**Eligibility:** SPCEET full-time faculty members

**Previous Funding:** Any Principal Investigator (PI) who has received previous seed funding from SPCEET should include a brief summary of the outcomes of previous funding such as related proposals to external funding agencies and peer-reviewed publications.

**Budget:** \$5,000 ~ \$15,000 (partial summer salary, parts, student, travel, etc)

- **Purchase of Equipment is not allowed under this grant.** "Equipment" will be defined as any single non-expendable item having an acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more.

### Timeline:

2018 Cycle	Feb. 5, 2018	Request for Proposals Issued
	March 2, 2018	Proposals Due
	March 16, 2018 ( <i>tentative</i> )	Awards Announced

- Because important grant-eligible opportunities may arise outside of this nominal timeline, meritorious proposals may be submitted, evaluated and awarded at any time throughout this calendar year upon direction of SPCEET based on funding availability.

### Proposal Submission and Its Contents

- Proposals shall be submitted to your Department Chair who will forward proposals to [engineering.research@kennesaw.edu](mailto:engineering.research@kennesaw.edu) if he agrees to the proposal(s) submitted by the faculty. Proposed by “one PI” or “one PI and one CoPI.”

Proposers should follow the format outlined below:

- 1) The project summary and significance (limit 1 page): scientific/technical merits and/or funding competitiveness of the proposed project for external funding
- 2) Work Plan / Schedule: the project period is any time in 2018 (limit 0.5 pages)
- 3) Related Research & Development (limit 2 pages)
  - A summary of existing results in the proposed area
  - Proposer’s ground work & record including publications
    - the prior state of knowledge in the field and how the proposed work would carry those issues further
- 4) Potential Sources for Continued Support, **plan for external funding** (limit 1 page): describe the plan for acquiring funding from outside sources either alone or in partnership with other faculty, SPCEET and/or others.
  - List funding agency, program, funding level, due date, scope and competitiveness of your proposal (may use a table with a brief explanation)
- 5) References Cited (no page limit)
- 6) Budget (limit 0.5 pages)
- 7) Previous Funding status (if applicable) – funding and/or publication results of prior SPCEET support

**Proposals will be limited to five (5) pages in length** (exclusive of items 5 and 7 above), preferably less. The proposal must be single-spaced, using standard letter size (8 1/2" x 11") paper, in no smaller than 12-point font with a minimum of 1" margins on all sides for each page. All pages must be numbered.

**Evaluations of Proposals:** Each proposal will be judged and scored on its own merits using the criteria listed below:

- 1) Scientific/technical merit and/or funding competitiveness of the proposed project for external funding
- 2) The prior state of knowledge in the field and how this would carry those issues further (past performance, ground works, and project goals)
- 3) Potential for continued project development (external funding plan and competitiveness)
  - ➔ Other issues such as budget may be considered in the award of grants. The three criteria listed above carry equal weight for the proposal evaluation.

**Reporting:** A final report is due December 21, 2018. This final report should cover any proposal(s) for external support of the project and also a publication list. SPCEET may establish a special seminar where all funded research will be reported.

**Any financial or programmatic changes** will require prior approval of SPCEET before such changes can be implemented.

**Leveraged Funding:** Proposers must indicate in their proposals whether their project is receiving funds from other sources, or whether they are involved in similar projects that are funded by a funding agency.

**Confidentiality:** Any proposal information will not be released to persons outside SPCEET, except for purposes of review and evaluation.