**SCAMeL Speedy Startups: Season 8 (2024)**

SCAMeL individuals or institutions (hospital librarians may partner with a SCAMeL institution) are invited to submit a plan for a project that will benefit the region. The only requirement is that you use your imagination and you’re encouraged to think outside of the box.

For 2024 funding is available for 5 projects for a total of $25,000. The average is $5,000 per project, however the budget for the project can be a little more or less than that amount. Indirect costs are not allowed.

There are no restrictions on applications; following are examples of the type of projects that can be submitted.

* Innovative process
* Research project
* Region wide program
* Experimental trial
* Small scale trial of a larger scale implementation

Simple Submission Process

* The call for applications will go out after the SCC annual meeting and before December 15th.
* Applicants will submit a plan description of no more than 4 pages that addresses the following questions. Submit the budget on a separate page for a total of 5 pages at most.

*Note: Check on your institutional proposal review process and make sure it is complete before the application is submitted.*

* + The header for the first page should be SCAMeL Speedy Startup 2024
  + On the first page after the header include the name of the project, the applicant’s name (person responsible for the project), applicant’s job title and institution
  + What is the project?
  + Why is it important (what is the benefit)?
  + What institution(s) is involved?
  + Who will carry out the project and what are their roles?
  + What is the timeline?
  + How much money do I need for the project (budget)? If up front expenditure is an issue for your institution, please indicate tangible goods that the University of North Texas will need to order on your behalf if the project is approved.
* The Library Director must sign off on the application. If staff from multiple institutions are involved, the Director of each institution must sign off. This can be handled in one of the following ways:
  + Include a signature area for the Director on the application, include printed name.
  + A letter of support from the Director
  + An email from the Director
* Applications will be reviewed in February and awarded in March.
* Recipients will have 11-12 monthsto complete the process and provide a written report to SCAMeL at the spring meeting.
  + Was the time sufficient to carry out the plan?
  + Were expected outcomes met?
  + What worked well?
  + Would you have done anything differently?
* If a project will require additional time and funds, SCAMeL will evaluate it to determine if it merits additional funding.

Selection Criteria (using a scale of 1-10, 1 being the least, 10 being the best)

* Provides for a new region initiative
* Feasibility of the project
* Distinct benefit to the region
* Clearly defined project plan

Email your application to the Chair of the SCAMeL Research Committee:

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Deadline for Submission:       *Tuesday,* *February 29, 2024*

Project Deadline:                    *Friday*, *March 29, 2025*

Report Deadline:                     *Tuesday*, *April 30, 2025*

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