

DRIVEN/RI-INBRE Ignition Fund

Funding is sparse for commercial-focused biomedical projects due to their inherent risks. The DRIVEN Accelerator Hub, an NIH/NIGMS-funded consortium serving biomedical entrepreneurs in Northeast IDeA states (<https://www.drivenacceleratorhub.com/>), is pleased to offer funds for innovations or discoveries that need additional experimentation before company formation.

Eligibility: Faculty at RI-INBRE network institutions (<https://web.uri.edu/rinbre/>)

Applications must be assembled in the following sequence in an all-in-one pdf file.

Institution Affiliation and Title of Project:

Project Lead: Name and description of your professional background. *(75 word limit)*

Other personnel: Are there other members of the team? What is their background? *(150 word limit)*

Problem Statement: What problem is this research is solving (i.e. what is the unmet need)? *(100 word limit)*

Primary Indication: What is the initial patient subpopulation this technology is targeting, and what is the prevalence and incidence in the target region(s)? *(100 word limit)*

Project Description: What have you developed to address the problem statement (i.e. new system, software, drug, device, etc.)? *(50 word limit)*

Critical Evidence: What is the critical evidence that your technology solves this problem better than the current standard of care? *(50 word limit)*

Competition: What is the competition in this market – both currently, and in pipeline development? How is your product differentiated from this competition? *(150 word limit)*

Stage of Development: Describe the development stage of your technology (e.g. discovery stage, in vitro proof of concept, in vivo proof of concept, etc.) *(50 word limit)*

Development Plan: Describe your short-term and long-term development and funding plan *(100 word limit)*

Intellectual Property: Describe the status of your intellectual property. *(100 word limit)*

Additional Required Attachments:

- **Project Summary:** Please summarize the studies that you are seeking to fund (1 paragraph)
- **Research Strategy:** Description of research strategy for proposed project (1 page maximum)
- **Requested Budget:** Clear breakout of costs directly tied to description of line items; maximum total budget request is \$25,000 (Excel format preferred)
- **Budget Justification:** Written document justifying budget request (1 page maximum)
- Note: Maximum project timeline is 12 months

The RI-INBRE will nominate up to two proposals to the DRIVEN Accelerator Hub for their final decision at the biannual DRIVEN meeting on January 29, 2021.

Submit your all-in-one PDF proposal to Laura Bellavia Business Manager (lbellavia@uri.edu) by January 11, 2021