



University at Buffalo
The State University of New York

School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences
Faculty of Health Sciences

Matching Program for Equipment Purchases

Overview

This new matching program has been established to facilitate the purchase of equipment to support research within the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (SoPPS). The program, which runs from 12/1/2013 – 6/30/2015, will distribute \$550,000 as matching funds, at a 1:1 ratio with funds provided by faculty¹. SoPPS faculty members are invited to submit proposals to request support through this program, and proposals will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Please note that all equipment purchased with matching funds must be made available to all interested researchers within the School.

Prioritization of proposals

Proposals submitted to the matching program will be reviewed by the SoPPS Equipment Committee, with evaluation based on the following criteria: (a) **Impact**: Importance with respect to the completion of research objectives, particularly with respect to the completion of experiments deemed to be critical to demonstrate the feasibility of research projects that seek extramural support (i.e., critical for the collection of key preliminary data for grant proposals); (b) **Scope**: Utility of the equipment to support research across SoPPS laboratories; (c) **Size**: Priority will be given to equipment priced within the range of \$10,000 - \$100,000 (due to the lack of availability of other funding sources for purchases in this size range); (d) **Maintenance and Sharing**: Priority will be given to proposals that provide a clear plan for maintaining the equipment and for assuring access to all SoPPS researchers; (e) **Extramural Matching**: The program will place priority on purchases supported with matching funds obtained from extramural sources².

Proposal structure

Proposals for the matching program must include the following elements: (a) Name & contact information for the Principal Investigator; (b) Make & model of the equipment; (c) Purchase price (with attachment of a current price quotation); (d) List of faculty who will use the equipment; (e) Proposed location for placement of the new equipment; (f) Proposal narrative, including description of Impact, Scope, and plans for Maintenance and Sharing. *The Impact section should include specific plans for use of the equipment (e.g., providing an overview of the application of the equipment to collect key data for projects under investigation by each faculty member listed). Specific plans for submission of grant proposals should be detailed.*

Proposal review

Proposals for this program may be submitted between 11/15/2013 and 4/1/2015. Submissions may be made via email to jb@buffalo.edu. All proposals will undergo a preliminary, administrative review by the Associate Dean for Research. Projects meeting **all** program criteria will be immediately distributed to the Equipment Committee for further evaluation. Proposals that are rated highly by the Committee will be rapidly advanced for program support. If funds remain available following the support of all highly rated proposals, projects that failed to meet one or more of the program criteria will be distributed to the Committee for evaluation (NB: with distribution on 4/15 of each fiscal year). Proposals will then be funded, following the ranking provided by the Committee, until the support pool has been exhausted.

1. \$275,000 will be distributed in FY 13-14, and \$275,000 will be distributed in FY 14-15
2. *Extramural Matching includes any funds received, directly or indirectly, from extramural sources. This includes funds received through grants, contracts, gifts, IFR salary recovery, etc. Funds received within “start-up” packages do NOT qualify as Extramural Matching support.*