

Institute for Modeling Collaboration and Innovation (IMCI)
Call for Proposals: Seed Grant

The Institute for Modeling Collaboration and Innovation (IMCI) at the University of Idaho advances model-based research and fosters interdisciplinary collaboration. It serves as a hub where faculty, postdocs, staff and students from a broad range of disciplines work together to solve problems.

IMCI invites proposals for a new Seed Grant Program. IMCI Seed Grants provide between \$2000 and \$20,000 of funding to stimulate innovative and adventurous model-based and/or interdisciplinary research at the University of Idaho. We envision these seed grants could be used for a wide range of purposes, such as generating preliminary data, building new collaborative teams, building a novel high risk, high reward model, or going on a team retreat to write a large interdisciplinary grant proposal. We will focus on funding smaller applications but will fund up to \$20,000 for an exceptional project with significant impact.

Deadline for proposals: April 15, 2026.

Projects can begin: Summer 2026.

Eligibility Requirements:

The project leader must be a University of Idaho faculty member (including non-tenure track). Priority will be given to projects that a) focus on model-based research *and/or* b) feature collaborative or interdisciplinary teams. Your project should be completed within one year of the award, though its timeline may be as short as three months.

Instructions for Application:

To apply, submit your proposal to IMCI@uidaho.edu with the subject line **IMCI Seed Grant**. Your proposal must include the following:

- Research statement (one-page max) that articulates the project, identifies the team members (if appropriate), and explains the project's timeline. Your research statement should also explain the return on investment of the seed grant (e.g. grant proposal submission, preliminary data, publication, test drive of innovative methods, etc.).
- CVs of all team members in any format (e.g., UI format; NEH, NIH or NSF biosketch)
- Itemized budget list (one-page max). IMCI Seed Grants are funded via F&A return; potential budget items can include personnel costs, salary, travel, equipment, software, workshops, visiting scholar for collaboration, etc.

Expectations:

- Upon completion, you will present your findings to the IMCI community during a Brown Bag Lunch session.
- Cite IMCI funding in publications or other products arising from the seed grant.
- Indicate your affiliation with IMCI in VERAS when submitting future grants based on this work and consider submitting through IMCI.

Questions? Contact Erin James, IMCI Liaison, at ejames@uidaho.edu.