

INSTITUTE FOR MODELING COLLABORATION AND INNOVATION (IMCI)

Data Access Grants (DAGs)

Invitation for DAG Requests

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

Data Access Grants (DAGs) enable researchers to generate preliminary data for grant proposals. DAGs do not cover personnel; rather, they cover costs to generate needed data. Examples of eligible services and items include, but are not limited to: DNA sequencing, ddPCR, cryo-EM, mass spectrometry, experimental reagents, AI-related project support, data purchase, pilot surveys or software.

Upcoming Deadlines: September 7, 2026 | January 25, 2027 | May 3, 2027

Requests will be considered for funding up to \$4,000.

Instructions for DAG Requests

Submit a one-page request to Berna Devezer at bdevezer@uidaho.edu with the subject line “IMCI DAG.” The request should clearly address the following:

- The title of your project.
- The nature of your request, including the data to be generated and an itemized budget. DAGs can be used to cover the cost of up to two bills; the intent is to fund the significant cost of generating data rather than smaller consumables.
- The name of the grant proposal being developed and how the preliminary data supports it, including its collaborative and/or modeling component(s). Include the anticipated timeline and target funding agency.
- The current funds available in the lab, including start-up funds and grants. For start-up funds, include the current balance and any additional funds still promised. For grants, include the PI, title, grant number and amount of funding to the lab. Address why these existing funds cannot cover your needs.

Eligibility Requirements

- Requests must be submitted by a faculty member (including clinical or other non-tenure track) or another independent researcher from the University of Idaho eligible to serve as PI. Students and postdocs are not eligible.

- The planned grant proposal supported by the DAG should align with the mission of IMCI — be collaborative and/or include a modeling component.
- No more than one DAG can be awarded to a PI within a given fiscal year.

Expectations

If awarded, the DAG recipient is expected to:

- Spend awarded funds by the applicable deadline: for January and May DAGs, by June 30 of the same year (unless an extension is requested in advance); for September DAGs, by June 30 of the following year.
- Present your findings to the IMCI community during a Brown Bag Lunch session upon completion.
- 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 Berna Devezer, IMCI Assistant Director, at bdevezer@uidaho.edu.

