



Taplin Equipment Fund 2019

Request for Proposals

Deadline: Monday, June 17, 2019

Submission requirements: An electronic (PDF) copy of application in ONE document (a detailed description of the proposal requirements is included below).

Submit to: Office of Research Strategy and Development (ORSD), hconrad@hsph.harvard.edu

Contact regarding questions: Heather Conrad at hconrad@hsph.harvard.edu

OVERVIEW AND GOALS OF TAPLIN EQUIPMENT FUND

The Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health Taplin Equipment Fund is made possible by the generous sponsorship of the Taplin Family. This program provides funding for instrumentation expenses that may be difficult to fund through other mechanisms. Applications will be accepted for equipment purchases, investment in shared technology, and related implementation expenses (e.g., cost of technical training, equipment maintenance, and technical consulting fees).

We encourage faculty members to collaborate within and across departments to develop proposals for shared equipment and facilities, and to leverage additional funding opportunities whenever possible. Although departmental matching funds are not required, we encourage interested faculty to contact their Department Chairs to discuss the proposed equipment investments and any departmental resources that may be leveraged to support the equipment purchase.

ELIGIBILITY

Harvard Chan School faculty of any rank (Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor) who have a primary appointment at the School and faculty that have their research operation primarily based at the School, are eligible to apply. If you have any questions regarding your eligibility to apply for this award, please contact Heather Conrad at hconrad@hsph.harvard.edu.

AWARD AMOUNT

Applications of any amount up to \$50,000 will be accepted.

PROPOSAL CONTENTS AND PAGE LIMITS

Interested faculty members should submit an application of no more than three pages, including:

- **Proposal:** Scientific rationale for the equipment purchase and its expected benefit; details of the scientific need being met and the potential impact of the proposed equipment.
- **Users and User Access:** Departments that will likely benefit from the purchase, including a list of identified and potential users. An access policy for proposed equipment.
- **Equipment Details:** Description of the equipment to be purchased and any implementing expenditures; include proposed provider of the equipment and its anticipated cost.
- **Brief Budget:** Total amount being requested, estimated date of purchase and ongoing expenses if any.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

Proposals are to be submitted directly to ORSD (hconrad@hsph.harvard.edu) as this is an internal competition/funding mechanism. Proposals should not be routed through SPA.

REVIEW PROCESS

Applications will be evaluated based on the ability of the award to: 1) leverage existing strengths of the School, 2) open promising new avenues of investigation, 3) advance the School's public health mission, and/or 4) support a breadth of faculty participation in activities enabled by the equipment.

**Proposals that include cost sharing plans or leverage external funding opportunities are encouraged.*