



Request for Proposals

Program Title: University Partnership with Industry Research Program (UPAIR)

Program Reference Number: KSEF-18-UPAIR-001 (Issue Date: 04/27/2018)

Synopsis of Program: The UPAIR Program is a gated, three-phase program based on milestone achievement evaluated by peer and panel review. The program supports unique research ideas that engage researchers from academe and industry, provides project-based research learning experiences for students, and promotes innovation and increase Kentucky's research capacity. The desired outcome of the program includes the development of a system of opportunities in which students are incorporated into the researcher enterprise, expanding the entrepreneurial and technological development capabilities of our workforce and institutions, and a strong private-public R&D infrastructure.

Important Dates:

- **Application Submission period:** 04/27/2018 (opens) to 05/08/2018 at 4:00 PM ET (closes)
- **Signed documentation deadline:** signed cover sheet and budget page received electronically no later than 05/10/2018

Eligibility Information (read *Program Guidelines* for more information)

- **Organization Type:** Accredited Kentucky college or university
- **PI Type:** Tenure-track or independent researchers at a university or college in Kentucky
- **Limit on Number of Awards per Round:** One as PI or as Co-PI
- **Focus Area of Research:** All focus areas specified in the *Program Guidelines*
- **Resubmissions:** No resubmissions allowed.
- **Reporting Compliance:** All PIs, Co-PIs, and team members in a proposal must be in compliance with KSTC/KSEF prior award reporting requirements

Award Information

- **Type of Award:** Contract
- **Estimated Number of Awards:** 20-25 at IDEATE phase
- **Maximum Award size:** \$150,000
- **Award Start Date:** 07/01/2018

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