

SEEDS: The Research Enhancement competitive Grants Program and OSU's Targeted Investments in Excellence

A major focus for The Ohio State University Academic Plan is that significant investments must be made to enhance the reputation of the university; support core programs; and advance exceptional key programs. Targeted Investments in Excellence (TIE) is part of the effort to advance this focus of the plan. Each college was asked to identify programs that have the potential to achieve world-wide recognition and will impact OSU's academic stature. Once the programs are identified, resources (human, capital, and financial) will be directed toward these programs.

As with all other OSU colleges, the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) proposed or co-authored several programs to become part of the TIE effort. The programs identified by CFAES are listed below with a web link that provides detailed information on each program.

- Public Health Preparedness / Food Safety
http://oaa.osu.edu/tie/food_safety.pdf
- Nutrition and Health Initiative
http://oaa.osu.edu/tie/nutrition_health.pdf
- Youth Development (CFAES/OSUE)
http://oaa.osu.edu/tie/nutrition_health.pdf
- Translational Plant Sciences (CBS, CFAES)
http://oaa.osu.edu/tie/translational_plant_sciences.pdf
- Climate, Water, and Carbon Program (CMAPS, CFAES, CSBS, Byrd Polar, John Glenn)
http://oaa.osu.edu/tie/cwcp_final.pdf

The university and the college are taking multiple approaches to support TIE ranging from sustaining projects that already have a TIE focus to redirecting resources into one or more of these areas. For Fiscal Year 2007 the SEEDS: Research Enhancement Competitive Grants Program will invest up to \$500,000 into the TIE effort. Any proposal submitted to the SEEDS competition may be identified as TIE project, if appropriate. Projects that are related to a TIE program will be given increased weight in the review process.

Applicants with projects that are related to a TIE program must identify their application as such at the time of submission and identify the related TIE program. TIE related proposals must be prepared the same as all SEEDS proposals with an additional section entitled "TIE Justification" at the end of section C: Project Description (after Role of Investigators). This section should include:

- A description of how the proposed project relates to a specific TIE program and how the proposed project will support that program; and

- How the project will advance academic stature and will result in positive recognition of the program, the college, and the university.

If you have any questions regarding the preparation or submission of proposals identified as a TIE project, please contact Lori Kaser at kaser.37@osu.edu.