

Method of Review for CWC Seed Grants

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The purpose of this document is to provide details regarding the review methods for the new CWC seed grants. For more information regarding seed grants, please see <http://cwc.osu.edu/projects/> and click on the guidelines links. The following three steps will be used to review and make decisions on the new proposals for seed grants.

(1) Contact CWC Director with Questions:

The CWC Director, Doug Alsdorf (alsdorf.1@osu.edu) will answer any questions regarding this years' call for seed grant proposals.

(2) Review committee:

This committee will review all submitted proposals. Depending on the number of submitted proposals, each committee member will read all proposals and rank them. Committee members will be selected such that the content of each proposal is within the background of the committee, thus ensuring fairness in evaluations. This committee will score each proposal and place that score in the context of all reviewed seed grants. They will meet as a panel to discuss and make final recommendations. Members of this committee will be anonymous, will be OSU faculty, and tenured.

(3) Decision committee:

The entire CWC Advisory Board will read all recommendations and make final decisions. This committee will be allowed to adjust proposal budgets and align them with CWC funds. Dean approval will not be sought for seed grants.

Timeline:

Seed grant proposals are due May 1, 2009. The review committee will be active from May until mid-June. The decision committee (i.e., CWC advisory board) should be able to make decisions in late June and distribute funds in early July.

Note on committee membership:

To avoid conflicts of interest, no one who is proposing will participate in the review committee or in the decision committee. If someone on the advisory board is proposing, then they will step-aside from the review process.