

2025 Penn Synergy Grant Proposal Instructions

Summary: This program aims to connect faculty from different departments, through science and innovation, to spur new synergistic collaboration as well as potential for external funding.

Collaboration: Submitting PI partners should demonstrate potential for compelling scientific collaboration, but must NOT have worked together previously (ex: no prior publications, abstracts, grant submissions, etc.). These must be new connections and initial collaborations.

Proposals: Proposals are limited to two pages (Arial 11, 0.5" margins) including aims/hypotheses, significance, approach, and note of the likely impact and future effort based on this effort. In addition, short NIH-style biosketches of PIs and all key personnel must be submitted, along with a one-page budget and justification. Funds should not be used for equipment.

Scoring criteria: Teams must represent interdepartmental collaborations. Projects will be judged for their innovation, must address an important clinical or translational problem, and have the potential to lead to new external funding.

Funding: Awards will be made for a one-year period, in amounts up to \$100K total. Start dates and duration of funding will be flexible based on the needs of the project.

Due dates: Proposals are due by **Monday, February 10th at 5:00 PM**. Submissions are to be made via a single PDF file emailed to faith.brown@penntranslational.upenn.edu. Proposals will be reviewed by a steering committee (including Professors Lynch, Mankoff, and Soslowsky, as well as Chairs of participating Departments or their designee, and additional reviewers as needed).

Questions: All inquiries should be made via email to faith.brown@penntranslational.upenn.edu.

Additional program requirements: Funded teams must demonstrate their work progress to the steering committee approximately six months after funding. Teams may also present their work at a retreat of the program participants.

Support of this program must be acknowledged in publications as "this project was supported by the PSOM Synergy Program, through support by the Dean's Innovation Fund."