Call for Proposals
Undergraduate Research and Innovation (URI)
Student Seed Grants
Spring 2018

Information Session on Proposal Writing and Submission
Hosted by URI External Advisory Board Members (over Pizza lunch):
February 8, 2018; 12.00 PM to 1.30 PM; Room 240, Campus Center

Proposal Submission Deadline: February 21, 2018
URI Workshop Presentations for URI Student Seed Grants: March 8, 2018
2.00 PM – 5.30 PM; Ballroom A, Campus Center

Phase-1 Student Seed Grants: $500
Track-1: Technology/Product Development and Innovation
Track-2: Application Based Research

Phase-2 Student Seed Grants: $3,000
Track-2 ONLY: Application Based Research

NJIT 2020 Vision strategic plan emphasizes providing undergraduate students an outstanding education with opportunities to have research and innovation experience as part of their NJIT learning enabling them to succeed and assume leadership roles in our society.

The Undergraduate Research and Innovation (URI) program has evolved as a significant part of the education and research experience at NJIT. The URI website http://centers.njit.edu/uri/ summarizes undergraduate research and innovation opportunities and provides information about resources and competitions.

We are pleased to announce the Undergraduate Research and Innovation Student Grant (URISG) program to provide students Phase-1 Student Seed Grants of $500 per project to pursue preliminary research or demonstrate an initial proof-of-concept/prototypes. URI Phase-2 Student Seed Grants provides up to $3,000 per project to pursue research further or develop a complete prototype. Funds can only be used to order project supplies and prototyping through the Office of Undergraduate Research and Innovation. Phase-2 proposals may be submitted by former Phase-1 Student Seed Grant winners who have completed Phase-1 work, as well as new students who have a research or product idea that has shown the preliminary proof of concept, market assessment or application-based research to establish the need, significance and basic approach. The student may prepare URI Student Phase-1 or Phase-2 Seed Grant proposals following the templates with format and guidelines on the URI website http://centers.njit.edu/uri/programs/index.php.

Note: Seniors are only eligible if they are a rising senior at the time of the application or have at least two additional full semesters to work on the project. Students are required to present the progress report and the final presentation to the board in the following semester(s).
All projects proposals should be submitted by **February 21, 2018**. Awardees will have access to funds to start the project as early as March 20, 2018 and will formally present progress report at the subsequent URI workshops.

The executive committee of the URI External Advisory Board include:

**Mr. Brian Kiernan** (Chair, EAB and Executive Committee)
Angel Investor, Executive VP and Chief Scientist (ret), InterDigital Communications Corp.

**Mr. Govi Rao** (Co-Chair, EAB and Executive Committee)
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**Mr. Manish Patel** (Executive Committee member)
CEO, TrickyWater LLC ([www.trickywater.com](http://www.trickywater.com))

**Proposal Submission Deadlines:**

- Students working with a faculty member may submit Track-1: Technology/Product Development and Innovation or Track-2: Application Based Research proposals in the required format by **February 21, 2018** by email to **Ms. Angela Retino** at aretino@njit.edu.
- Finalists selected for URI workshop presentation will be announced by March 2, 2018. Finalists are required to present their project through a PowerPoint presentations to the External Advisory Board following the presentation format posted on the website at the URI Workshop on **March 8, 2018** at the Campus Center Ballroom A from 2.00 PM to 5.30 PM.

Expected number of awards: up to 15

Any questions about the program should be directed to **Ms. Angela Retino**, URI Program Administrator at aretino@njit.edu.

**Note:** There is a separate Call for Proposals for Phase-2 Student Seed Grants: Track-1: Technology/Product Development and Innovation combined with the TechQuest Innovation Competition.