

2026 Wyoming INBRE Collaborative Research Projects Grant Competition Request for Proposals

DATE: December 5th, 2025

TO: UW and Community College Biomedical Research Faculty

FROM: Drs. Florence Teulé-Finley and David S. Fay UW INBRE (IDeA Networks for Biomedical Research Excellence) Program

SUBJECT: Request for Proposals and Guidelines for 2026 Collaborative Research Projects Grant Competition

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: Full Proposals 5:00 PM – Friday, January 30th, 2026

We are pleased to announce the launch of the 2026 Wyoming INBRE 5 Collaborative Research Program competition. Click on the link below to view more information. Thank you!

- **Internal Submission Deadline:** 5:00 PM Friday, January 30th 2026
- **Award Cycle:** INBRE 5 Collaborative Grant Program
- **Discipline/Subject Area:** Biomedicine
- **Funding Available:** \$12,500/collaborator per year. Two year maximum award.
- **Complete details and to submit application:**
<https://uwyo.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/2001199>
- **Description:** The Wyoming IDeA Networks for Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE) Program requests proposals from Wyoming Community College and University of Wyoming researchers to the INBRE Wyoming Community College - University of Wyoming Collaborative Grant Program. The goal of this program is to support research projects that engage University and Wyoming Community College researchers and students in projects with the potential to produce publishable results and develop into fundable programs at NIH and other federal agencies. The project should engage undergraduate students at the collaborating institutions and graduate students and postdocs at UW in the collaboration and facilitate the development of undergraduates into independent researchers. It should also help undergraduates identify and pursue pathways to the baccalaureate degree and graduate training in the biomedical sciences. Proposals should be for biomedically related research projects broadly defined. This includes but is not limited to research in the disciplines of nutrition, physiology, molecular biology, epidemiology, disease ecology, environmental health, bioinformatics, and computational biology. Given that INBRE goals include strengthening institutional biomedical programs, priority will be given to applicants without other institutional program support. The maximum amount requested cannot exceed \$12,500 per year per collaborating investigator for up to two years.

All funding for selected projects is contingent on receipt of the Notice of Award for Wyoming INBRE 5 from NIH expected approximately May 1, 2026. Project start dates will be sometime after receipt and will be the date of NIGMS approval of the specific project.

Pre-application inquiries regarding research areas and feasibility of application can be directed to Drs. Florence Teulé-Finley (fteule@uwyo.edu) and David S. Fay (davidfay@uwyo.edu).

Due to limited resources an individual may not submit more than ONE collaborative proposal during any given budget period. All funds must be encumbered by end of the INBRE fiscal year April 30, 2027. Carry forward of unspent funds is not permitted for INBRE projects.

DEADLINE: The deadline for receipt of proposals is 5:00 PM Friday, January 30th 2026. Applications must be submitted through UW InfoReady. Late applications will not be considered.

ELIGIBILITY OF PROJECT INVESTIGATORS: Each proposal must have a University of Wyoming and Wyoming Community College faculty member as investigators. The UW investigator must serve as the Principal Investigator and the CC investigator is a Co-Investigator. Additional co-investigators can be either UW or CC. All faculty members at the University of Wyoming and Wyoming Community Colleges with a regular or special appointment are eligible to apply. If you have not had previous grant writing experience, it is recommended that you have a senior member of your department, or department chair, review your proposal prior to submission.

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Sincerely,

Florence Teulé-Finley, Wyoming INBRE Program Coordinator

David Fay, Wyoming INBRE Director

Additional information:

PREPARATION OF PROPOSALS

Proposals must be prepared according to the format outlined below and there should be only one principal investigator (no Co-PI) that must be a UW faculty member. Clear, direct, concise statements are encouraged. Proposals exceeding stated page limits will be rejected without review. Proposals should clearly address how the proposed project meets INBRE goals.

A **“Just in Time” (JIT)** policy will be in effect for proposals requiring regulatory committee review or special authorization. Proposals that involve or utilize research animals or biohazards will not be required to submit the respective forms with the grant proposal. However, if these categories apply and the proposal is funded, you will be required to submit the appropriate forms (e.g., IACUC) to Yana Nightingale (ynightin@uwyo.edu) for submission to NIGMS for administrative approval of project before the project can begin. Projects involving Human Subjects will not be considered for this competition.

Forms can be found in InfoReady under the Details Header - Supporting Documents or via the [INBRE Dropbox](#). For help with converting completed documents to PDFs for submission, contact Yana Nightingale (ynightin@uwyo.edu).

V. PROJECTED FORMAT FOR FULL PROPOSALS

Details regarding the format for full proposals will be available on the InfoReady submission portal. The Table below indicates the anticipated format. All files must be pdf format.

Section	Page Limits	Description
1. Cover Page	1	Use PHS fp1
2. Project Summary/Abstract, Relevance, Performance Sites	1	Use PHS 398 fp2
3. Budget	No Limit	Itemized annual budgets for permitted expenses. Each year must be presented on a separate page. Use PHS 398 Form Page 4 for each year and Form Page 5 for entire proposed project and budget justification. Use PHS 398 Continuation Format Page if needed for justification.
4. Biographical Sketch	5/per	Use PHS 398 Biographical Sketch guidelines
5. Other Support	2	Use PHS 398 Other Support guidelines
6. Specific Aims (1 page) and Research Plan (5 pages)	6	Use Continuation Format Page and submit all as a single pdf. Include Bibliography/References cited with the Research Plan (does not count toward 5-page limit)
7. Community college collaboration	2	Description of community college collaboration.
8. Compliance/Regulatory documentation: Vertebrate Animals statement	No Limit	JIT to be provided if selected for funding - follow Vertebrate Animal Section fact sheet- https://olaw.nih.gov/sites/default/files/VASfactsheet.pdf , CITI certificates, etc.
9. Institutional support letter	1	A letter from the Community College Department Chair or Division Dean supporting the application and approving the budget.
Appendices will not be accepted. Comments to the Administrators may be included with your InfoReady submission.		

Review Criteria:

1. Significance to INBRE theme areas: Is the study related to biomedicine and does it address an important problem broadly related to theme areas identified by INBRE? If the aims of the

application are achieved, how will student training and scientific knowledge be advanced? What will be the effect of the study on the concepts, methods, and technologies that drive this field?

2. Training: Is the plan for involving and training undergraduate students feasible and does it involve them directly in the process of science? Does it help students make connections with opportunities for further training as they pursue their baccalaureate or graduate degree?

3. Approach: Are the conceptual framework, design, methods, and analyses adequately developed, well integrated, well-reasoned, and feasible and appropriate to the aims of the project and the available resources? Do the applicants acknowledge potential problem areas and consider alternative tactics?

4. Innovation: Is the project original and innovative? For example: Does the project challenge existing paradigms and address an innovative hypothesis or critical barrier to progress in the field? Does the project develop or employ novel concepts, approaches, methodologies, tools, or technologies for this area?

5. Investigators: Are the investigators appropriately trained and well suited to carry out this work? Is the work proposed appropriate to the experience level of the principal investigators and other researchers? Does the investigative team bring complementary and integrated expertise to the project (if applicable)?

6. Future plans: Explain how the research activities funded by this collaborative grant will promote research by faculty and students at the community college and describe plans to submit a grant proposal as a result of this collaborative grant funding.