

Innovation Catalyst Fund Application Preview

The following information will be collected via the InfoReady platform three times per fiscal year during the months of October, February, and June:

1. Team – name of applicant and all collaborators illustrating diverse and relevant experience, expertise, and collaborative potential (800-character limit).
2. Technology/Innovation – a description of the technology/innovation, including any patentable inventions or copyrightable works, that will be developed under the project (1400-character limit).
 - Technology ID (VU#) of any relevant IP already disclosed to Tech Transfer, if any
 - Relevant IP obligations resulting from external funding sources or partnerships.
 - Description of any IP generated outside of Vanderbilt to be used in the project.
 - Projects do not have to develop a pre-existing technology but could instead be designed to lead to new inventions and discoveries.
3. Predicted Outcome – brief description of the product or process to be developed as an end goal of the funding (1200-character limit).
4. Commercial Targets – a list of companies or other external entities that may be interested in commercializing the project outcomes (1800-character limit).
5. Scope of Work – a detailed description of the project to be performed, including methods and materials (500-word limit).
 - The work plan should describe any internal Vanderbilt non-Fund resources that will be utilized in performance of the plan (e.g., machine shops, CRISS, CORE labs, VICB, antibody core, synthetic chemistry core, VINSE, VUIIS).
6. Deliverables – a description of what deliverables will result from the funding and how the deliverables will have a significant impact on commercialization (800-character limit).
 - Deliverables should be tangible (e.g., prototypes, samples, data, software, incipient products, or written reports of results).
7. Schedule – a timeline for execution and completion of the project.
8. Budget Justification – an estimate of the funds required and how they will be spent (800-character limit).
 - This should only include direct expenses, not facilities or overhead charges.
 - Budget estimates should be based on actual costs needed (e.g., specific prices of supplies, hours worked at hourly rate).

For projects larger than \$10,000, additional information will be requested:

9. Significant interim milestones to be integrated into the Scope of Work and Budget (400-character limit).
10. Intended populations of impact with demonstrated unmet need (e.g., patients, users; 500-character limit).
11. Description of current competitive landscape and competitive advantage (1500-character limit).
12. Description of current development stage and target stage (400-character limit).
13. Total funding to-date related to the project and list of past, current, and future funding sources (400-character limit).
14. Name of any internal or external programming (e.g., entrepreneurship, prototyping) already leveraged (300-character limit).
 - Work product(s) from these activities may be requested by the review committee.