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Applied Research Program

What is the Applied Research Program?

The Applied Research Program was established as part of the 1987-89 biennial budget. It is designed to encourage faculty and academic staff from all academic disciplines throughout the UW System to apply their expertise and scholarship to support applied research activities that are likely to improve connections between knowledge and practice.

What are the benefits of the Applied Research Program?

Each proposal should include a commitment for fiscal support from a private sector partner or partners; have appropriate and significant student participation; demonstrate sustainability or potential of funding for further development; and be interdisciplinary or involve more than one UW System institution.

Presently, this program is funded at approximately \$425,000. Over the last ten years, the UW System has been able to award an average of 12 grants per year, with individual grants not to exceed \$50,000. The UW System has been offered a grant of \$250,000 per year for four years, if matching funds can be provided. As a result, UW System is requesting an additional state investment of \$250,000 per year to provide for this match. This increased level of funding would permit expansion of this program and funding of multi-year grants as well.

What does the Applied Research Program mean for Wisconsin?

The program is intended to promote positive change in the economy of the state of Wisconsin. This may include fostering business expansion and improving profitability, creating jobs and enhancing workforce quality, reducing costs and increasing efficiency, and improving the quality of Wisconsin's products and services.

Estimated ongoing cost: \$250,000 GPR

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