

CALS Innovation Venture Investment Program (iViP)

The iViP funds novel and potentially transformative research in any area of inquiry that has the potential to fundamentally change our understanding of an important principle or paradigm, and/or involves a significant technology advance. Successful proposals will often involve levels of innovation and risk that precludes support by standard external funding mechanisms. Proposals should present a compelling case for sustained activity after the funding period through external financial support and/or commercialization.

Award Duration and Amount:

The period of support is typically from six months to two years; maximum support is \$90,000 per project.

Eligibility:

Applications will be accepted from faculty (i.e., tenured, tenure-track, continuing, continuing-eligible or non-tenure-track research) who hold a primary appointment in any CALS unit. Applicants must have a research appointment. Funds can be used to support students or staff in other colleges if they are integral to the project.

Submission and Notification Dates:

Submission deadline is April 15, 2022; awardees will be notified by May 15, 2022

Application Process: Submit the following documents in a single pdf to zaidaz@email.arizona.edu:

- Proposal Narrative: Format is intentionally flexible though narratives are typically around five pages in length, either in the format of a standard grant proposal or a white paper.
- An abstract of 250 words or less.
- A budget that clearly communicates all project costs.
- CV of PI and any co-PIs. Please include your ORCID IDs as this will be needed to award funds.

Review Criteria:

- The project should be novel and have the potential for transformative outcomes and significant impact.
- The project should not be presently funded in whole or part from other sources.
- The project should not extend other funded projects in order to obtain preliminary data for a grant proposal or a grant proposal resubmission.
- There should be evidence that the project will create significant sustained activity beyond the funding period (grant, contract, company launch etc).

Terms of Award:

- Project leads are required to present a mid-project update and a 1-2-page final report describe project outcomes and next steps.