EARTHLAB OVERVIEW

EARTHLAB ENVISIONS AN EQUITABLE, JUST AND SUSTAINABLE WORLD WHERE PEOPLE AND PLANET THRIVE.

EarthLab is a visionary institute at the University of Washington (UW) that pushes boundaries to develop innovative and equitable solutions to our most pressing environmental challenges, with urgency and action on climate and its intersection with social justice. We do this by connecting across sectors and academic disciplines to inspire and incentivize new partnerships that bridge the UW and the wider community. Our place at the UW helps define our purpose. As a Carnegie-classified Community Engagement University, the UW aspires to be the #1 university in the world as measured by impact.

INNOVATION GRANTS PROGRAM

The Innovation Grants Program invests in collaborations that span academic disciplines, engage multiple sectors and center community-driven questions.

The 2023 Cohort funding is intended to support partnerships that co-define research priorities from multiple perspectives and initiate a new research project that addresses climate change. The project should co-produce new knowledge that can be used by the community and other stakeholders to mitigate or adapt to climate change and address intersecting social justice considerations. Projects may be local, regional, national or international - preference will be given to projects with findings or results that carry significance to local, regional, national, or international communities. The cohort model encourages collaboration, networking, and intends to contribute to building a community of practice around interdisciplinary and community-led research.

QUICK FACTS

> Our next funding cycle will award up to $450,000
> Maximum budget request per project is $75,000
> Letters of Intent are due on 1/26/2023 at 5:00 pm PT
> Program goals: co-leadership and partnership between community and UW researchers, interdisciplinary collaboration, action at the intersection of climate and social justice, and potential for growth of the project or partnership

WANT TO KNOW MORE?
Scan the QR code to view the full Request for Proposals and terms & conditions!
To be considered, all project teams must include:

1. **Community or Non-Academic Lead(s)**
   
The community or non-academic lead(s) may include, for example: personnel associated with/from a Tribe, a community-led organization, a non-governmental organization, a city, state or federal agency or a business.

2. **University of Washington Lead(s)**
   
   Two or more UW faculty or staff researchers from different disciplines.
   
   At least one of the UW faculty or staff researchers must have Principal Investigator (PI) status with the UW. If the project team is awarded a grant, this person will be responsible for ensuring compliance with all applicable federal, state, and institutional requirements.

3. **University of Washington undergraduate student(s), graduate student(s) or postdoc(s)**
   
   Each team should include at least one undergraduate or graduate student or a postdoc who is meaningfully engaged in at least one project activity (e.g., the student or postdoc should have opportunities for both leadership and professional development, as well as to receive mentorship).

Individuals and organizations **may not** serve as a project lead on more than one project team. Applicants with existing resources to fund their project or who need funding to continue an existing funded project are discouraged from applying. Grantees that have received funding from the EarthLab Innovation Grants Program in the past are not eligible to apply for the current funding cycle.

The Innovation Grants Program does **NOT** fund the following:

- Academic course development
- Program evaluation
- Technology commercialization

**Project Deliverables:** Required within award period (17 months). EarthLab encourages each team to identify a deliverable that will be most useful to the community or non-academic partners and/or that has the potential to make an immediate impact.

**Innovation Grant Cohort Meetings:** Each team must participate in 3 cohort meetings during the grant period.

**CONNECT WITH US**

For questions about the program or this RFP, please contact [elgrants@uw.edu](mailto:elgrants@uw.edu).

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