EARTHLAB OVERVIEW

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

EarthLab is an institute at the UW College of the Environment taking equitable action on climate change. We do this in four ways:

1. We create new connections between people across UW and the wider community
2. We invest in research co-created with community
3. We build capacity for more environmental research and training
4. We mentor and train the next generation of climate leaders

INNOVATION GRANTS PROGRAM

The EarthLab Innovation Grants Program invests in collaborations that span academic disciplines, engage multiple sectors and center community questions at the intersection of climate change and social justice.

The 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. The cohort model encourages collaboration and networking and intends to contribute to building a community of practice around interdisciplinary and community-led research.

QUICK FACTS

> This funding cycle will award up to $400,000
> Maximum project budget request per project is now $80,000
> Letters of Intent are due on 1/9/2024 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

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APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

To be considered, all project teams must include at a minimum:

1. **Community or Non-Academic Lead**
   At least one community or non-academic lead **IS REQUIRED.** This may include, for example: personnel associated with/from a Tribe, a community-led organization, a nongovernmental organization, a city, state or federal agency or a business.

2. **University of Washington Lead(s)**
   Two (2) UW faculty, postdoc or staff researchers from different disciplines **IS REQUIRED.**
   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 or graduate student**
   At least one undergraduate or graduate student **IS REQUIRED.** The student should be meaningfully engaged in at least one project activity (e.g., the student 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 in a grant cycle. 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** 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 the grant period that will be useful to the community partner. Format is flexible.

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

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For questions about the program or this RFA, please contact elgrants@uw.edu.