

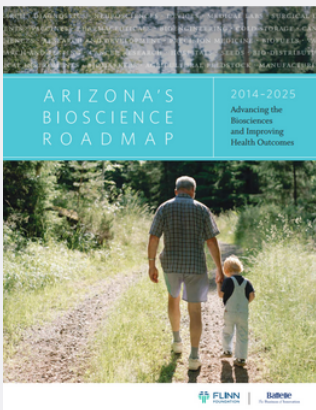


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Translational
Seed Grants
Program

2025 RFP INFO SESSION
seeking applicants for the Cohort 11

HISTORY

Arizona's Bioscience Roadmap 2002 | 2014 | 2025



"Advancing the biosciences and improving health outcomes"

Goal 1: Entrepreneurial Hub

Goal 2: Research Into Practice

Goal 3: Bio-Talent

Goal 4: Connectivity

Goal 5: Collaboration

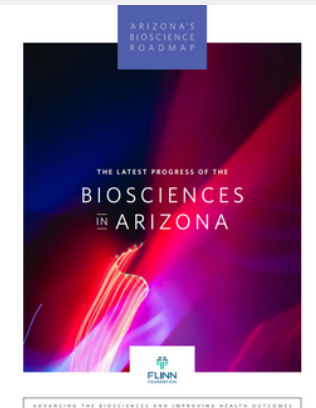
Goal 1: Amplify the Collaborative Gene

Goal 2: Accelerate Research into Impact

Goal 3: Elevate Arizona's Startup Ecosystem

Goal 4: Strengthen Talent & Career Pathways

Goal 5: Tell Arizona's Bioscience Story





Arizona's Bioscience Roadmap



Statewide Launch Event
September 11 · 3-4:30pm MST

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Benefits

- \$100,000 over 18 months
- Quarterly cohort workshops to enhance skills in commercialization
- Pitch for \$100,000 in follow-on funding at program close
- Membership on Arizona's Bioscience Roadmap Steering Committee
- Networking + connections with research & industry experts
- Referrals to programs & resources



The Program funds research teams with innovative solutions to well-defined and compelling clinical needs.

Since 2013, the Foundation has awarded 83 seed grants, totaling ~\$9.5 million.

Example recent grantees:





Eligibility Criteria

The PI* must...

- ☐ Be employed by an AZ-based academic/medical research institution or health system
- ☐ Be working with their institution on a path to licensing or owning the project's IP
- ☐ Agree to participate in grant programming and scheduled deliverables

*Prior grantees are eligible to apply as a PI if all previous Foundation grants are closed

Project areas:

- ☐ Medical Devices & Equipment
- ☐ Diagnostics
- ☐ Health-Focused Technology Platforms / Delivery Processes
- ☐ Therapeutics & Pharmaceuticals



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Competitive Criteria

Competitive teams will have...

- A proposed product and/or process that addresses a clearly defined, compelling clinical need
- A project team that blends multi-disciplinary skills (e.g., scientific, clinical, engineering, business, regulatory)
- An application that adheres to the RFP requirements, especially the format and required elements of the slide deck



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Use of Funds

- ☐ No PI salary
- ☐ No prior debt
- ☐ Up to 10% indirect costs

Examples: Program-related lab expenses; prototype development; animal model testing; publication of data, business development, proposal development

Expectations

- ☐ Quarterly check-ins
- ☐ Final report (pitch)
- ☐ IRB approval prior to start

Required Components

- ☐ 300-word project summary
- ☐ 15-slide pitch deck**
- ☐ Letter of support (Template)

**See required elements detailed on the application website



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Closes October 31, 5 PM MST

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Rubric Mapping

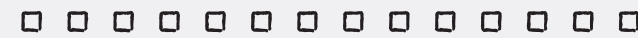
- I. Addressing a Compelling Clinical Need (Slides 2-4)
 - ☐ Solves compelling clinical need (Slide 2)
 - ☐ Clear understanding of current standard of care (Slide 3)
 - ☐ Proposed solution provides significant benefits (Slide 4)
- II. Building a Solid Foundation with Merit (Slides 5-7)
 - ☐ Significant research / work already accomplished (Slides 5-6)
 - ☐ Validation performed (Slide 7)
- III. Navigating the Road Forward (Slides 8-10)
 - ☐ Understands the path to commercialization (Slide 8)
 - ☐ Plans for addressing IP strategy (Slide 9)
 - ☐ Plans for addressing the regulatory path (Slide 10)
- IV. Grant Period Milestones & Funding (Slides 11-13)
 - ☐ Realistic plan and milestones detailed (Slide 11)
 - ☐ Use of funds will achieve grant milestones (Slide 12)
 - ☐ Prior funding supports plan for future funding (Slide 13)
- V. Confidence in Team & Potential for Success (Slides 14-15+)
 - ☐ Good project team with scientific, clinical, and business experience (Slide 14)
 - ☐ Plan for addressing any gaps (Slide 14)
 - ☐ Information supported by data
 - ☐ Effectively written summary
 - ☐ Well-structured and compelling proposal with detailed outcomes identified



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Timeline

**Application Opens
September 3, 2025**



**Application Closes
October 31, 2025**

Review Period

**Award
Announcement
March 2026**



**Virtual Info
Session**

Office Hours

**Internal
Eligibility QC**

**Round 1 Selection
Round 2 Nomination**

**Cohort Kickoff
April 2026**



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to weigh in on entrepreneurship

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