

USGS - PSU Partnership (UPP)
2020 Seed Grant Request for Proposals
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The following clarifications and updates apply to the UPP 2020 Seed Grant Request for Proposals. Please consider this the most current and up to date information, and direct any questions to Alison Hopcroft at upp@pdx.edu.

1. Project period

The standard project period has been changed to September 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022. This means teams will have 13 months instead of 11 to complete their projects and will allow for simpler accounting while also ensuring that graduate students funded through this opportunity will be paid for a full 12 months. At the discretion of USGS, graduate students can be paid for 13 months if needed for the project.

In addition, proposals may provide an alternate project performance period if it is necessary for project success. Alternate project performance periods should still be 13 months in length, and the funding parameters remain the same. If the proposal includes an alternate project performance period, please make sure to include the following:

- Clearly state the alternate project performance period in the proposal and why it is needed.
- Ensure that you've updated the budget periods in the budget template. For the PSU budget sheet, the end of Budget Period 1 should be October 31, 2021, and the beginning of Budget Period 2 should be November 1, 2021.

Example of an alternate project performance period: the team needs to collect data in Summer 2021 so that it can be analyzed over the following 9 months. The proposal uses a project performance period of June 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022. This information is included in the proposal and the budget template is updated accordingly.

2. Budget and budget template

The budget template has been updated with the following changes:

- Updated project performance periods
- Fixed small errors
- Removed indirect costs, since only direct costs are eligible for funding through this opportunity.

PIs should refer to “UPP 2020 RFP Budget Template V2” as the most up to date version of the budget template.

To demonstrate that both PIs are materially involved in the project, the budget should reflect at least some salary for each PI.