

The UTRF Maturation Funding program is an annual grant competition providing UT faculty, staff, and students with grants of up to **\$15,000** to develop technologies with commercial potential.

## GUIDELINES

- \* Open to all UT researchers, faculty, staff and students at all campuses and institutes.
- \* Projects must be related to an existing UT invention disclosure, OR a proposal can be associated with a newly submitted UT invention disclosure.

To submit a disclosure: visit <https://idea.tennessee.edu>

- \* All proposals should be designed to increase the commercial readiness of an idea or technology. A proposal should clearly describe how the expected results will increase the commercial opportunities for the technology.
- \* Proposals that only address basic research will not be funded.
- \* Identification of potential commercial partners for collaboration on this proposal is encouraged.

Proposals should not exceed 3 pages, excluding references, which may be included as a 1-page appendix.

## PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Proposals should contain these components:

- 1) The technology and its existing data
- 2) Plan of work
- 3) Expected Results
- 4) Budget

Funds should be directed to labor, materials, and services necessary to achieve the proposed deliverable(s).

Funds may not be used for PI salary, but may be used for student, post doc, or technical staff salary support, or be directed to equipment, supplies, or other reasonable expenses.

- 5) Assessment of how the expected results will increase the commercial opportunities for the technology.

Proposals must be received by your campus research office (through Evisions) by 5:00 p.m. on 10/19/18.

## JUDGING CRITERIA

Clear path for commercial development

Significant market potential

Stage of development and remaining time to market

