

PROPOSAL CALL FOR SEED GRANTS

The goal of the MRSEC Seed Program is to enable new research directions and to involve new investigators in advancing the UCSB MRSEC

We are happy to announce this **proposal call for Seed Projects from UCSB faculty, to start in January 2018**, providing research support of up to \$300,000 (\$150,000 per year for two years; amount includes indirect cost/overhead).

Early-career faculty investigators venturing in new directions, and investigators who have not previously collaborated together are strongly encouraged to apply.

Proposals involving jointly-advised students and postdoctoral fellows will be prioritized. Applications in areas of materials research relating to Quantum Information Science or the BRAIN Initiative are welcomed, as are those in other frontier areas of Materials Research.

The reviewing guidelines will align with the following questions: [1] Is the proposed research area appropriate for NSF DMR support? [2] Are the investigators new to the MRSEC? Current investigators are strongly encouraged to collaborate with Seed applicants, but they cannot receive Seed support. [3] Will the research advance the UCSB MRSEC vision of collaborative materials research with potential for transformative outcomes?

The proposals (4 pages max., including a brief budget*) should be submitted as a single PDF file to Joni Schwartz (MRL Assistant Director – joni@mrl.ucsb.edu) by **Wednesday, November 15th 2017**.

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* Please note that the budget cannot include faculty salary (summer or academic year) or any instruments with a price exceeding \$5,000.

