

The [UC Riverside Artificial Intelligence Research and Education Institute \(RAISE@UCR\)](#) is requesting proposals for seed grants that will lead to the development of competitive research proposals to extramural funding agencies.

Each proposal must include at least 2 PIs, from different areas as described at <https://raise.ucr.edu/>. These areas include: AI Foundations (Machine Learning; Robotics and Embodied AI), AI Applications (AI in Computational Sciences, AI in Natural and Agricultural Sciences, AI in Biology and Medicine, AI in Humanities, Social Sciences, and Business) and AI in Education. **At least one of the PIs must be affiliated with RAISE.**

PIs should submit a 2 page proposal in 11 point Times font that covers the following.

- Description of the research theme, its significance, and nature of the work that would be conducted.
- How the funding will help develop new research proposals, and what extramural funding agencies and programs the proposals would be submitted to, as well as an approximate timeline.
- Track record of the PIs in receiving extramural funds.
- Brief description of the PI expertise and any prior collaboration experience.

Proposals must be submitted by **Friday, October 3, 2025**, by emailing to [raise@ucr.edu](mailto:raise@ucr.edu)

RAISE will provide support equivalent to 1 graduate student for 2 academic quarters (approximately \$30K) provided the PIs provide support for 1 academic quarter. The PIs support must be in the form of GSR or equivalent, and should not be TA or fellowship support. The funds provided must be used for graduate student support only; it cannot be used for materials, supplies, travel, or PI summer salary. A PI could request an exception to support a post-doc partially with the funds instead of a graduate student, provided they also provide equivalent matching funds similar to the GSR support.

In the interest of providing support to a larger group of faculty, priority will be given to those who have not already received support for post-docs from RAISE.

**Proposals stemming from research supported by this grant must be submitted through RED.** PIs should submit a brief report at the end of one year on what research was accomplished with this support, the extramural proposals that were submitted, and the status of the proposals. Seeds grants are renewable based on the performance of the previous year and availability of funds.

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