**Review Criteria for NH-LIFT *CATALYST* Seed Grant Funding Proposals**

**Seed Catalyst Funding Eligibility**

1. **A NH-LIFT Partner Institution**
2. **Proposals must include a PUI or Community College, preferably as the PI**
3. **A faculty member may lead only one project but can be a collaborator on another within a funding cycle.**
4. **The proposal must demonstrate an understanding of the distinct differences between Collaborative and Catalyst funding.**

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| **NSF Ranking: 1 = Poor; 2 = Fair; 3 = Good; 4 = Very Good; 5 = Excellent** |
| ***PROPOSAL ALIGNMENT WITH LIFT GOALS*** |
| **Collaboration and Ecosystem Strengthening*** The proposal fosters a cross-institutional research ecosystem by building relationships that include two or more academic institutions.
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| * The proposal creates an environment of reciprocal collaboration
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| **Inclusion of PUI/Community College Faculty*** The proposal includes two or more collaborators and aligns with NH-LIFT’s aim to broaden the participation of PUIs and/or Community Colleges.
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| * The project team includes a faculty member from a PUI and/or Community College.
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| * The proposal includes an early career faculty member.
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| ***PROJECT DESIGN AND APPROACH*** |
| **Clarity and Feasibility of Activities and Graduate Student Involvement*** The proposed activities are clearly defined, with a well articulated and feasible timeline.
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| * Graduate student engagement enhances collaborative research efforts. Examples include data collection and pilot studies, providing publication or grant writing support, facilitating collaborative research, etc.
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| * The role of the graduate student is clearly defined
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| * The graduate student will be mentored by a faculty member who is a part of a collaborative team.
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| ***BUDGET AND RESOURCES*** |
| **Reasonableness and Justification of Budget*** The budget is reasonable and justified for the proposed activities.
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| * Requested funds are appropriately allocated.
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