**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. |
| * The proposal creates an environment of reciprocal collaboration |
| **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. |
| * The project team includes a faculty member from a PUI and/or Community College. |
| * The proposal includes an early career faculty member. |
| ***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. |
| * Graduate student engagement enhances collaborative research efforts. Examples include data collection and pilot studies, providing publication or grant writing support, facilitating collaborative research, etc. |
| * The role of the graduate student is clearly defined |
| * The graduate student will be mentored by a faculty member who is a part of a collaborative team. |
| ***BUDGET AND RESOURCES*** |
| **Reasonableness and Justification of Budget**   * The budget is reasonable and justified for the proposed activities. |
| * Requested funds are appropriately allocated. |