

## **Request for Applications - LaunchPad Funding Collaborative Collision: Digital Health**

**Available Funding.** 2 awards at \$25,000 each

**Description.** LaunchPad offers an opportunity for interdisciplinary teams to compete for seed funding to launch their idea. LaunchPad projects should establish new collaborative teams and generate the necessary preliminary data or tools that will allow FSU to compete for extramural funding. As it relates to Digital Health, we are seeking projects that align with any of the following 4 key areas:

- Wearable devices, sensors, and ambulatory monitoring
- mHealth / eHealth interventions
- Telehealth and telemedicine
- Making meaning of big data from digital health tools

### **Timeline.**

Proposals due January 15

Reviews completed by February 5

Award notifications on or before February 12

Award Start Date on March 12, 2025

Award End Date on March 11, 2026

### **Eligibility.**

Teams must have members from 2 or more departments at FSU

At least 2 team members must have attended the Collaborative Collision: Digital Health event on November 12th

Proposals must provide evidence of a new collaboration (as part of the Expertise and Resources review criterion)

Eligible PIs and Co-PIs include full-time, active status tenured, tenure-track, or research-track faculty members - other job codes may participate as collaborators

Each faculty member may only be PI/Co-PI on one submission

**Proposal Submission.** The proposals should be submitted as a single PDF file via email to [RD@fsu.edu](mailto:RD@fsu.edu) with the title “[PI Last Name] LaunchPad Digital Health”. Each application should include **only** the following elements in the order listed below:

- The title page that includes the proposal title, the name of the PI and co-PIs, the total budget and duration of the seed project, and the proposal abstract up to 300 words.
- Proposed research (up to 3 pages), providing background information, research objectives and approach, the rationale for selection of team members, and plans for follow-up external grant applications, respectively. At least one specific funding opportunity to which the team plans to apply should be identified explicitly in the seed proposal, with the projected application deadline and anticipated budget for the external proposal.
- The detailed budget with justification (1 page).
- Curriculum vitae of the PI and Co-PI(s) only, not to exceed 3 pages (abbreviated NIH format).

**Allowable and Unallowable Expenses.**

Faculty salary is not allowed

Travel is not allowed

Student support is allowed, including fringe benefits, but not tuition

Equipment purchases, including computers and computing equipment, are not allowed

**Review Criteria.** Proposals will be reviewed according to the new [NIH Simplified Peer Review Framework](#), with the following 3 criteria.

- Factor 1: Importance of the Research, scored 1-9
  - Alignment with at least 1 of the 4 key areas will be evaluated as part of this criterion
- Factor 2: Rigor and Feasibility, scored 1-9
  - This includes evaluation of the extent to which the proposed project will generate the necessary preliminary data or tools that will allow FSU to compete for extramural funding
- Factor 3: Expertise and Resources, to be evaluated as either sufficient for the proposed research or not
  - Evidence of a new collaboration will be evaluated as part of this criterion