



## 2026 SBU-BNL SEED GRANTS FOR COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH Call for Proposals

April 23, 2026

**Stony Brook University is pleased to announce the 2026 SBU-BNL Seed Grant program, which serves to foster collaboration between scientists at Stony Brook University and Brookhaven National Lab. This program provides an opportunity for developing synergistic activities that can grow joint research aligned with the strategic visions of both institutions. For the 28th year of this program, President Andrea Goldsmith and the Office of Brookhaven Lab Affairs are making a minimum pool of \$375,000 available to fund proposals submitted jointly by SBU and BNL scientists.**

FOR 2026 SEED GRANTS: Priority consideration will be given to proposals that address research topics in the following areas of mutual interest to SBU and BNL:

- AI and robotics
- AI for accelerator design and engineering
- Quantum computing, sensing, and networking
- Radioisotope research and applications for health care
- Microelectronics

Proposals addressing topics in other areas of interest to both SBU and BNL may also be considered. Proposals should be innovative and exploratory, in line with the seeding character of the program, and should position the investigators to pursue new external funding. Successful proposals in areas of high interest to BNL may be eligible for matching funds from BNL.

Proposed budgets should not exceed \$70,000, unless compelling justification is provided. The awarded funds will be administered by the Research Foundation at Stony Brook and are free from all overhead. No tuition is charged for graduate students that are supported by a Seed Grant. The funds will be made available on or about September 1, 2026, and should be expended within 18 months after awarding. All awardees will be required to provide a brief (2 page) progress report after 12 months and must submit a final report (2 pages with references) on the results of the project, including any publications and proposal submissions that resulted from the project. Any additional funds provided by BNL will be administered by the respective ALD's office.

The Office of Brookhaven Affairs at SBU will handle proposals and oversee decisions on awards. Recommendations for awards will be made by a committee of SBU and BNL scientific leaders. Proposals should explain the significance of the project to scientists who are not experts in the field and should clearly lay out a vision for the strategic value of the proposal and the potential for future funding.

In 2025, the Seed Grant program provided funding for 9 of the 39 proposals submitted. The abstracts of previous awards can be found on the SBU web page by clicking on the Office of Brookhaven Affairs link or [Seed Grant Page](#).



**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS IS 5 :00 PM, JUNE 4, 2026**

Proposals will be reviewed by senior scientific staff from SBU and BNL. Recommendations for funding will be announced in early-mid July 2026.

**Proposals will be judged on the following criteria:**

1. The scientific innovation and excellence
2. The benefits of the project to the research missions of Stony Brook and BNL
3. The clarity and efficiency of the budget
4. The opportunities created by the project for attracting follow-up external funding

**Proposal package:**

Proposals must be submitted electronically as a single PDF file and include the following items:

1. 2026 SBU-BNL Seed Grant Program Cover Sheet, which is attached. This coversheet must clearly provide the names and home departments of collaborative partners at SBU and BNL, including phone numbers and e-mail addresses.
2. Proposal narrative (no more than 4 pages [exclusive of references], 11-point font, standard margins). **Clearly identify the federal or other external funding opportunity(s) that you intend to target following completion of the proposed seed project.**
3. CVs of the SBU and BNL co-PIs (no more than four pages each), plus a list of additional research participants and their roles (CVs not needed).
4. Proposed budget (including fringe benefits but no overhead for the SBU portion of the requested funding) and budget narrative (no more than 1 page, 11-point font, standard margins). If BNL support is sought, a separate budget should be submitted by the BNL PI to their respective ALD.
5. List of current funding held by the PIs (such funding does not diminish chances of obtaining a seed grant).

Please e-mail your completed proposal package to Ann Ozelis at [Ann.Ozelis@stonybrook.edu](mailto:Ann.Ozelis@stonybrook.edu). Receipt of your proposal will be acknowledged by the Office of Brookhaven Lab Affairs upon submission.

All inquiries should be addressed to:

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COVER SHEET

SBU PI Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Campus Department \_\_\_\_\_

Campus Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

BNL co-PI Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

BNL Department \_\_\_\_\_

BNL Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Proposal Title \_\_\_\_\_  
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Budget Requested (SBU) \_\_\_\_\_

Budget Requested (BNL) \_\_\_\_\_

Total Budget Requested \_\_\_\_\_

Please list additional collaborators and affiliations:

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