



The Astrobiology Interdisciplinary Research Seed Grant 2026 Applications due Wednesday, February 18, 2026, by 5PM

The Arizona Astrobiology Center (AABC) is dedicated to exploring and understanding life in the universe through innovative research, inclusive training, and dialogue on life's cosmic journey, and to connecting these discoveries to everyday human experiences. Emphasizing values of vision, interdisciplinarity, and multiple perspectives, the center builds on the University of Arizona's research and scientific leadership in space exploration and related research. For more information about AABC, visit our website. <https://astrobiology.arizona.edu/>

The AABC Seed Grant program is an opportunity to foster creative, ambitious, and interdisciplinary scholarship and engagement in the expansive field of astrobiology. This initiative includes biological, physical, and space science projects as well as projects in the humanities, social sciences, arts, science education, and other fields. This seed grant is a call to thinkers and explorers across all disciplines.

Eligibility Criteria

All faculty, research staff, graduate students, and post-doctoral scholars affiliated with the University of Arizona are eligible to apply. Undergraduate students who are interested should partner with a faculty member, scientist, or graduate student. Disciplinary Scope: Open to all research and scholarly disciplines. Note: Applications will not be considered from recipients of AABC Seed Awards in 2025.

Funding Details

Amount of Funding: The maximum funding is up to \$10,000, depending on the scope and needs of the project. Use of Funds: Funds may be used for research expenses, equipment, travel, and other project-related costs. Duration of Funding: The funding period is up to 2 years.

Proposal Outline Requirements (Maximum of 3 pages)

- 1) Title and Abstract: Concise and informative overview of your proposal.
- 2) Introduction: Contextualize your research within the field of astrobiology.
- 3) Objectives and Aims: Clearly articulate the goals and aspirations of your research.
- 4) Methodology: Elaborate on your research approach, techniques, and methods.
- 5) Interdisciplinary Relevance: How your research bridges disciplines and contributes to astrobiology?
- 6) Expected Outcomes: Describe the anticipated results and potential impact.
- 7) Budget and Justification: Provide a budget and justify the funding requirements.
- 8) Timeline: Provide a realistic and structured timeline for your project.
- 9) Team and Expertise: Introduce your research team and highlight their qualifications.
- 10) References

Application Process: All applications must be received by **Friday, February 18, 2026**.

Proposals must be submitted via <https://forms.gle/YgdYKimThA6L1iyXA>

Review Process & Criteria: Proposals will be evaluated based on scientific and/or creative merit, interdisciplinary approach, potential impact on the field(s), and the potential for growth towards any future identified external funding opportunity. Research proposals that incorporate undergraduate researchers are especially encouraged.

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