

INDUSTRY PARTNER NAVIGATIONAL GUIDE



By Creating a Challenge you are connecting with thousands of UM & SIU System researchers to meet your business and technology needs

- Make sure that you enter in the information with the most detail possible -- the more detailed, the better responses you'll receive!
- Select as many disciplines as appropriate. These will help us connect your Challenge (or Request) with relevant researchers.
- If you only want researchers from a specific city, campus, or with institutional support, select 'custom group of researchers' from the drop-down menu and you can include the exact kind of researcher you're looking for!
- When selecting a proposal deadline, we suggest that you pick a deadline that is at least 6 to 8 weeks out.
- You can request that all responding researchers attach a document to their proposal which responds to an enhanced set of questions.
 - By choosing “enhanced”, instead of “standard”, you will be asking that the proposal provide a more detailed research plan and bios for all key personnel. The “enhanced proposal” request also seeks from the researcher a description of risks and required resources.
- Even if your budget has not been approximated, it would be helpful to give an educated estimate to researchers so they are able to propose a project that fits your needs.

Creating a Request

- When choosing the purpose of your request - choose the one that most accurately represents your need.
 - If your project seems like a combination of more than one, or is not among the choices provided, then select “other” and describe your project purpose.

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- Your Challenge can be disseminated to the Research community in two ways:
 - You can select to send your Challenge to researchers who are registered within disciplines you choose
 - You can click the option of a “custom group of researchers”. This will create for you, instead of a hierarchy of disciplines, and an opportunity to describe to us the profile of the researcher you wish to respond.
- We try to promote certain projects to the potential research pool through webinars that connect you and interested researchers in advance of the deadline.
 - You have the option to utilize this tool to talk to researchers in advance of them submitting their proposals.

Reviewing Proposals

- From your Dashboard, select the Challenge or Request, and from there click on the Proposal tab, where you can review each Researcher’s proposal.
- At the bottom of the page, you will be able to evaluate each submitted proposal independently. You can Decline proposals that don't fit your need, Request more information from the researcher, or Approve it.

Responding to an IIP

- Click on “Investigator-Initiated Projects” at the top of the page, bringing up two tools for searching projects.
 - The first text box enables you to enter keywords of projects in which you're interested. The second option is to search for projects by discipline.
- Prior to and upon the deadline, you will be able to evaluate each submitted proposal independently.
- You may Decline proposals which do not fit your needs, Request more information from a researcher, or Approve the proposal.

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