Can a faculty member be involved in more than one application?
Given the nature of research, faculty may be involved / participate in more than one seed grant application. However, a faculty member may **not** be listed as the Principal Investigator (PI) or Co-Principal Investigator (PI) on more than one application.

How much funding may I request as part of the application?
Teams may request up to $30,000 in seed grant funding from TDA. In addition, although not required, proposals that include a cash or in-kind match from at least one college or stakeholder are strongly encouraged.

How can the seed funding be used?
Funding may be used for faculty release time, student and staff support, services, supplies, or other direct research costs. Funds may **not** be used to supplement existing grants or research projects, or for expenditures outside those described here.

What outcomes are expected from awardees?
Applicants will be expected to outline specific outcomes within their application. It is expected that all seed grants will result in new findings and/or insights that generate value for the learning community at OSU. More specifically, findings must also inform follow-on scholarly efforts such as extramural funding proposals, publications, curriculum development, etc.

I am part of an existing, externally funded grant focused on interdisciplinary teams and data analytics. May I apply for this seed grant?
No. The TDA Seed Grant is designed to catalyze the formation of new, interdisciplinary teams. Therefore, applications seeking to supplement existing grants or externally funded research projects will not be accepted.
How will the money be distributed?
Teams selected for funding will be provided with a one-time transfer of funds only after a detailed Award Agreement is received. The Award Agreement will detail the terms and conditions of award, transfer of funds, and tracking and reporting guidelines. Agreements must be signed by the project PI, their Department Fiscal Officer, their Department / Unit Chair, and the TDA Director.

How much time do I have to complete my proposed project?
Projects should be completed within 12 calendar months from project initiation. A final report at the end of the funding term will be requested.

What if I have not used 100% of the funds by the end of the project?
At the close of the award cycle, any unused funds must be returned to TDA.

Does the 12-page maximum include references?
Yes, references are not included in the page limitations. Proposals may not exceed 6 pages in length. Supplementary pages (including letters of support, 3 maximum) may not exceed 6 pages. Please include any references needed in footnotes or include in supplementary pages.

Additional questions should be emailed to tda@osu.edu.