Startup Award Request
Help Guide

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Purpose & Use

The Startup Award Request form is used to request startup funding from the Office of Research for a new faculty member at the University of New Orleans. Please refer to the New Faculty Startup webpage for more information.

Information Needed

- Requestor contact information
- Candidate name and prospective college, department
- Startup award budget
- Funding sources
- Candidate’s resume
- Information about the new hire’s research potential
- Information about the potential impacts of requested funding
- Email address for candidate’s prospective department head/chair/director
- Email address for candidate’s prospective dean/VP

Form Routing

Initiator / Requestor ➔ Dept. Head/Chair/Director ➔ Dean/VP ➔ Office of Research

Provost (if applicable) ➔ President (if applicable) ➔ Initiator / Requestor

Statues

DRAFT

The form opens in Draft status and can be edited by the initiator. Once the form is submitted, it will no longer be in Draft status.

SAVED

The initiator can save progress on Startup Award Requests by clicking the Save for Later button (without completing all required information). SharePoint will automatically email a copy of the Saved form to the initiator.

The next time a Saved form loads, the form will automatically switch to Draft status.

AWAITING CHAIR

Once the initiator has completed all required fields and submitted the request, the Startup Award Request form will enter Awaiting Chair status.
The department head/chair/director listed for the startup candidate will be notified via email that a new Startup Award Request requires their review and approval.

The form will remain in this status until the department head/chair/director submits the form with their approval or rejection noted.

**AWAITING DEAN**

Once the startup candidate’s department head/chair/director has approved the request, the form will enter **Awaiting Dean** status.

The dean/VP listed for the startup candidate will be notified via email that a new Startup Award Request requires their review and approval.

The form will remain in this status until the department head/chair/director submits the form with their approval or rejection noted.

**SUBMITTED**

Once the department head/chair/director and the dean/VP for the startup candidate have approved the request, the form will enter **Submitted** status.

The initiator (and the requestor, if different) will receive an email confirming submission of the form.

The form will also forward to the Office of Research for processing.

**AWAITING PROVOST**

The Assistant Vice President for Research & Economic Development may wish for the Provost to review and approve the Startup Award Request. If so, the form will enter **Awaiting Provost** status.

The form will remain in this status until the Provost submits the form with approval or rejection noted.

**AWAITING PRESIDENT**

The Assistant Vice President for Research & Economic Development may wish for the University President to review and approve the Startup Award Request. If so, the form will enter **Awaiting President** status.

The form will remain in this status until the University President submits the form with approval or rejection noted.

**REJECTED**

If a form is rejected by any party, the form will enter **Rejected** status. The initiator (and the requestor, if different) will receive notification of the rejected form via email.

**APPROVED**

If a submitted form is approved by the Office of Research (and the President and Provost, if necessary), the form will enter **Approved** status. The initiator (and the requestor, if different) will receive notification of the approved form via email.

**Recipients**

- **SAVED**
  - Initiator
  - Requestor (if different)
- **AWAITING CHAIR**
  - Department head/chair/director listed for startup candidate
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- **AWAITING DEAN**
  - Dean/VP listed for startup candidate

- **SUBMITTED**
  - Initiator
  - Requestor (if different)
  - Office of Research

- **AWAITING PROVOST**
  - University Provost

- **AWAITING PRESIDENT**
  - University President

- **REJECTED**
  - Initiator
  - Requestor (if different)

- **APPROVED**
  - Initiator
  - Requestor (if different)

**Email To**

If the form needs to be sent to any recipients other than those listed above, any user can add any UNO email address into the Email To field and then submit the form. The user will be copied on an email sent to the entered email address.

**Initiator Instructions**

**Requestor Information**

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1. **First Name**: Enter the first name of the requesting UNO employee.
2. **Last Name**: Enter the last name of the requesting UNO employee.
3. **Email**: Enter the UNO email address for the requesting UNO employee.
4. **Phone Number**: Enter a phone number for the requesting UNO employee.
5. **College**: Select the requestor’s college from the dropdown menu.
6. **Department**: Select the requestor’s department from the dropdown menu.
Candidate Information

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- **Save for Later**: Click the button to save the form and complete it another time.

- **Has the candidate served as a PI on external funding previously?**
  - [ ] Yes  
  - [ ] No

- **If hired, will a mentor be assigned to this faculty member?**
  - [ ] Yes  
  - [ ] No

Attachments

- **Startup Award Request Budget**: Click the button to upload the startup award budget.
- **Candidate’s Resume**: Click the button to upload the candidate’s resume.
- **Committee Recommendation**: (Optional) Click the button to upload the committee’s recommendation.

1. **First Name**: Enter the first name of the candidate for new faculty startup funding.
2. **Last Name**: Enter the last name of the candidate for new faculty startup funding.
3. **College**: Select the candidate’s prospective college from the dropdown menu.
4. **Department**: Select the candidate’s prospective department from the dropdown menu.
5. **Save for Later**: Click the button to save the form and complete it another time.
6. Indicate whether or not the candidate has previously served on any external funding.
7. Indicate whether or not the candidate will be assigned a mentor, if hired.
Funding & Impacts

1. **Funding Source:** Enter the name of a department or college that will contribute funding to the startup award.

2. **Funding %:** Enter the percentage of funding that the department or college will contribute to the startup award. You do *not* need to include the % sign. (If there will only be one funding source, enter 100.)

3. Indicate whether or not the candidate is being considered as part of an interdisciplinary or cluster hire.

4. Indicate whether or not the candidate’s startup funding will be split across multiple departments.

5. Answer the long-form questions about the potential impacts of the candidate receiving startup funding.

Departmental Commitments

- **startup language** requested by the Office of Research in the candidate’s offer letter.
- **approval of the draft offer letter** prior to sending it to the candidate.
- **work with the new hire** to ensure that they understand their responsibilities regarding startup and research compliance.
- **finalized offer letter** to the Office of Research.
1. The department must make the following commitments before requesting startup. The department must agree to:
   a. include the Office of Research's language about startup in the offer letter.
   b. seek out the Office of Research's approval of the draft letter (before sending it to the candidate).
   c. work with the new hire to ensure they understand their responsibilities.
   d. send the finalized offer letter to the Office of Research.

Form Routing

Requests for startup funding must be approved by the Department Head/Chair/Director, the Dean/VP, and the Vice President for Research & Economic Development.

Enter the UNO email addresses for the approvers listed below (even if you are one of the below approvers).

**Dept. Head/Chair/Director Email:** Enter the UNO email address for the candidate’s prospective department head, chair, or director.

**Dean/VP Email:** Enter the UNO email address for the candidate’s prospective dean or VP.

Comments (Optional)

1. **Add comments:** If relevant, click the **Add comments** link to add a comment to the form.
2. Type your comment in the box that appears. Your username and the date will auto-populate beneath the comment.
3. **Add more comments:** If necessary, click the **Add more comments** link to add more comments.

Submitting Form

If you are the department head, chair, director, dean, or vice president, proceed to the Reviewer’s Instructions below.

If you are initiating the form on behalf of these approvers, please click the **Submit** button so that the form can route to the department head/chair/director.
Reviewers’ Instructions

Comments (Optional)

1. **Add comments**: If relevant, click the **Add comments** link to add a comment to the form.

2. Type your comment in the box that appears. Your username and the date will auto-populate beneath the comment.

3. **Add more comments**: If necessary, click the **Add more comments** link to add more comments.

Approve Request

1. Scroll down to the **Signature & Approvals** section.

2. Find where your position is listed.

3. Click the radio button to the left of the word **Approve**. Your username and the date will auto-populate.

4. Click the **Submit** button to approve the request.

5. The form will automatically close and proceed through the **Form Routing**.

Reject Request

NOTE: We recommend that you indicate the **reason** for your rejection in the **Comments** section.

1. Scroll down to the **Signature & Approvals** section.
2. Find where your position is listed.
3. Click the radio button to the left of the word **Reject**. Your username and the date will auto-populate.
4. Click the **Submit** button to reject the request.
5. The form will automatically close and notify the requestor that you have rejected the form.

**Contacts**

**Technical Issues**
If you encounter a technical issue with the SharePoint form, contact Julie Landry at jelandr1@uno.edu.

**Research Policy/Scenario Questions**
If you have a question about your submission or its results, contact the Assistant Vice President for Research & Economic Development Carol Lunn at research@uno.edu.