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Title: Ideation Grant Program

Funding Agency: Caltech

External Deadline(s):

01/31/2025 11:59 PM PST (Full Proposal)

Cognizant Office: The Resnick Sustainability Institute (RSI)

Description:

The Resnick Sustainability Institute (RSI) Ideation Grants are intended to support graduate students and post-doctoral researchers, who are passionate about sustainability, explore how their innovative technologies could be applied to impact global climate change.

Applications start with an initial meeting with RSI to review your translational vision and concept for the Ideation Grant award. Submissions are received on a rolling basis and will be accepted until all the awards are made by the Deadline: **January 31, 2025**. Teams are encouraged to apply early. Contact [Stephanie Yanchinski](#) to start the process.

Frequency: Typically annual

Total Award: \$5,000 to \$20,000

- Grants range from \$5,000 to \$20,000 upon negotiation.
 - These are one-year grants for Applied Research and Technology Development, Translational Discovery: Partners, Markets & Customers, Advisors; and Student and Post Doctoral Salary Stipends.

Indirect Costs:

N/A

Duration: 1 year

- Time frame for completing the grant is 12 months, but this can be extended if needed per discussion with Stephanie Yanchinski, RSI Director of Entrepreneurial Programs.

Discipline(s): Biology and Biological Engineering; Chemistry and Chemical Engineering; Engineering and Applied Science; Geological and Planetary Sciences; Humanities and Social Sciences; Physics, Mathematics, and Astronomy

Eligibility: Grad Student, Postdoc

- Open to Caltech students and postdoctoral scholars who want to translate their ideas into products/ventures/approaches with real-world impact and are working with a Caltech faculty advisor.
 - The team must be made up of at least 1 member of the Caltech community – student, postdoc, faculty, or employee.

Research Areas of Interest:

- The Ideation Grant program serves those who are focused on cleantech and sustainability and supports the earliest, idea-forming, applied R&D with commercial impact potential.

Post-Award Obligations:

TBD

Guidelines & Other Information:

Guidelines: <https://resnick.caltech.edu/programs/entrepreneurship/ideation-grants>

To start the application process contact:

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