# BACKGROUND

The WiSys Spark Grant Program has been designed to help faculty advance their knowledge and technology to commercialization. The Fund provides awards of $500 - $10,000/project to faculty, academic staff, or students towards implementation and completion of short- term projects.

WiSys Spark Grants are intended to support research projects where preliminary findings exist, and is designed to demonstrate the commercial potential of a new concept, technology or invention and to highlight the need for and type of additional development support that would be required to take the technology closer to the market place. Preference will be given to projects where applicants have demonstrated some progress beyond the initial discovery, idea or concept.

# General Program Details:

1. Eligible projects will be funded for $500 - $10,000/project proposal; The maximum award per project is $10,000. Limit of one award/investigator/call.
2. All projects must be completed by December 31, 2019;
3. Funds can be used for supplies and expenses as well as salary for undergraduate student workers; salary for faculty will be considered at the discretion of the campus but should not represent more than 50% of the requested budget. Salary for student workers is not allowed for student projects.
4. Deadline for applications is February 6, 2019.
5. Applicants must follow UW-Green Bay’s internal grant submission and approval process and use the WiSys Spark Grant application form provided below for their project proposal. Project Proposals should not exceed 3 pages in length.
6. To be eligible for a WiSys Spark Grant, applicants must submit a new invention disclosure describing their technology and agree to assign their intellectual property rights to WiSys if funded. All applications must be accompanied by an Invention Disclosure Form; Forms are available [here.](http://www.wisys.org/realize-your-idea/invention-disclosure)
7. Proposals will be scored based upon intellectual property (IP) potential (based on an initial IP assessment of the proposed invention described in the corresponding Invention Disclosure), development timeline, unmet need/target market, suitability of the PI/team, evidence of project feasibility and/or preliminary data and value for money.
8. Projects approved for funding will be notified by February 22, 2019.

**Applicants are asked to submit their application and corresponding Invention Disclosure Form to WiSys at** [**grants@wisys.org.**](mailto:grants@wisys.org)

A final report must be submitted not later than 6 weeks after the completion date of the project. If a final report is not submitted, this may prevent the applicant’s eligibility for other funding programs offered by WiSys and/or their home campus.

*WiSys Spark Grant Program – Application Form*

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| Primary Investigator: | Campus: |
| Total Funding Requested: | |
| Title of Project: | |
| Project Start Date: | Project End Date: |
| Project Summary (500 words): *Please provide an executive summary describing the proposed project including a brief summary of milestones and associated deliverables to be achieved within the funding period.* | |
| Problem being solved or Unmet/Un-Served Need (500 words): *Clearly describe the new concept, technology or invention being developed and its potential to solve a specific market problem or unmet / un-served customer need.* | |
| Target Market and Competition (200 words): *Define at least in general terms the target market and briefly discuss competing technologies or processes (and their benefits and weaknesses relative to the concept being developed).* | |

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| Preliminary Findings (200 words): *Provide details on any preliminary findings that have been generated to support the proposed project.* | |
| Project Team (100 words): *Provide a brief summary of the project team and each team member’s contribution to the proposed project.* | |
| Budget Justification (50 words): *Provide a summary of expenses to be incurred.* | |
| *Signature indicates endorsement by the Provost* | |
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| Signature of Provost or Designee | Date |