2017-18 Cultivate.CAFLS  
Details on Project Funding

Do you have an idea for a new food product? A new type of business? New technology?

Cultivate.CAFLS is an initiative in the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences to promote the development of entrepreneurial ideas and skills. Projects should be related to the disciplines in the College and could include:

- A new food product
  - An example might be a new type of ready to eat stir fry meatballs. A new recipe is not considered a new food product.
- A new type of technology
  - This might include a new app or a new piece of technology. Examples might include a new app to identify flowers, a new cattle vaccine, or a new piece of technology to measure soil moisture.
- A new type of business
  - An example might be a new firewood home delivery business.

Projects can be managed as Creative Inquiry projects. Non-CI projects will also be considered for funding. All projects must have a faculty mentor from CAFLS.

Here is the process:

1. Have a great idea!
2. Form a student team. At least half of the students must be CAFLS undergraduates. Teams can have from 2 to 10 members.
3. Find a faculty mentor from CAFLS.
4. Apply for funding—due Nov. 6.
   a. At least 5 projects will receive up to $2,000 from Creative Inquiry plus an additional $1,000 from Cultivate.CAFLS (total: $3,000). To receive funding from CI, the project must conform to CI guidelines. These will be 1-semester CI projects.
   b. Projects that do not conform to CI guidelines will also be considered for funding. Funding will be scaled according to the number of students on the team. Funds must be spent in accordance with university guidelines.
   c. All funds must be spent by April 15, 2018
   d. All teams must have a faculty mentor from CAFLS.
5. Applicants may be asked to present your project idea to a small team of judges.
6. Projects selected for funding will be notified in mid-November, 2017. Approved CI teams and their mentor(s) must attend a CI orientation and presentation on student intellectual property (IP) considerations.
7. If participating through CI, sign up for your creative inquiry class, spring, 2018.
8. During the spring semester (through the end of March), use your funding to develop your ideas.
9. All funded projects are required to compete in the Cultivate Showdown on March 29, 2018 at 7 pm at the Watt Center.
10. The winning team/individual will receive $3,000 to continue working on your idea! Funds must be spent in accordance with university guidelines.
11. Members of the winning team may be able to continue working on your project through summer 2018 as UPIC interns.