



2026 Collaborative Grants | Terms & Guidelines

The following terms and guidelines have been outlined for collaborative grants awarded by the Robert H. Brooks Sports Science Institute (RHBSSI) for calendar year 2027.

Awards Cycle:

Funding for collaborative grants will be active for one year from the start date identified in the award letter, January 1 of calendar year 2027.

Use of Funds and Funded Effort:

Budget expenditures and the efforts of funded personnel should be executed in accordance with the stated aims and the budget listed in the funded proposal. Documentation of all expenditures and funded effort is expected in the annual report. Deviations in budget expenditures will negatively impact requests for no-cost extensions and the eligibility for funding of future proposals.

Eligible uses of funds:

Funding may be used for a variety of activities including, but not limited to:

- 1) Graduate stipends.
- 2) Software, equipment or facility access to acquire key data.
- 3) Database access and/or development.
- 4) Travel to engage program managers or to meet with collaborators from other institutions to work on proposal planning, or other travel required to present research and/or achieve successful outcomes.
- 5) Research subject stipends.
- 6) Journal submission fees and other publication costs.
- 7) This funding is NOT intended for faculty salaries.

Reporting Requirements:

RHBSSI will provide a reporting template to PIs which should be filled out according to the grant timeline. An initial interim report will be due after 9 months, and an updated 1-year report at the end of the grant term. A detailed accounting of completed aims and outcomes is expected. An accounting of expended funds and effort is expected in alignment with the funded goals. These reviews will be evaluated and be used in consideration of any no-cost extension requests and eligibility for funding of future proposals.

Funding Extension Requests:



With the submission of the interim report, if needed, the PI can request a one-time no-cost extension (typically 6 months). Following review of the interim report, if the project outcomes and budget are in good standing, the no-cost extension may be granted. Outstanding deliverables must be outlined in detail in the request and completed within the subsequent extension granted.

Return of Unused Funds:

Funding will become inactive at the conclusion of the initial grant term, or at the conclusion of the approved extension. Unused funds will be returned to the Institute to fund future seed grant submissions.

Exclusion criteria for funding:

- 1) Researchers (PI's or their named collaborative associates on the grant) who are currently funded on an active seed-grant with the RHBSSI
- 2) Research that is duplicative of currently funded work
- 3) Researchers who have received past funding, and are currently delinquent in their reporting outcomes of that work

Dissemination and Participation Requirements:

Awarded projects and PIs will be expected to abide by the following guidelines:

- 1) Provide a short, public narrative summarizing their work for distribution and advertising.
- 2) Manage and expend funds in accordance with the grant aims and budget justification.
- 3) Attend and present at the Institute's annual RECESS (Research and Creative Endeavors in the Sports Sciences) Symposium, typically held each fall semester, while the grant is active.
- 4) Attend RHBSSI bi-annual faculty meetings.
- 5) Provide an annual report of work progress to continue funding.
- 6) Be or apply to become a RHBSSI Faculty Fellow during the next available cycle of applications.
- 7) Cite the RHBSSI as a funding source in their publications and presentations.

Questions and requests should be directed to John DesJardins, RHBSSI Director, at jdesjar@clemson.edu. Reports should be submitted to Kayla Rogers, RHBSSI Assistant Director, krroge2@clemson.edu.

I have read, understand and will abide by these guidelines and policies.

Name (printed)

Signature