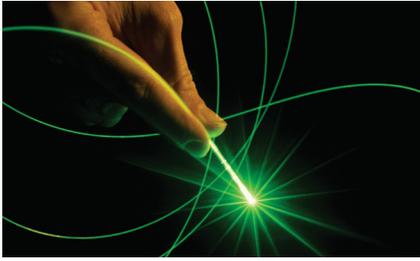## Factsheet: I-Corps™ Teams

**NSF Innovation Corps (I-Corps™)** is a program to broaden the impact of select, NSF-funded, basic-research projects by preparing scientists and engineers to focus beyond the laboratory. Leveraging experience and guidance from established entrepreneurs and a targeted curriculum, I-Corps™ grantees learn to identify valuable product opportunities that can emerge from NSF-supported academic research. The I-Corps™ program, a public-private partnership, will help create a stronger national ecosystem for innovation that couples scientific discovery with technology development to address societal needs.

I-Corps™ Teams are an essential component of the I-Corps™ program. Over a period of six months, each Team learns what it will take to achieve an economic impact with their particular innovation.

For more information, visit **www.nsf.gov/i-corps**.

**Participating Directorates:**

- ENG, CISE, BIO, EHR, GEO, MPS, and SBE

Eligibility: Must have an active NSF award or one that has been active within the previous five years.

**Award Size and Duration:**

- $50,000 (F&A limited to $5,000) for six months

**Cognizant I-Corps™ Program Directors:**

Serve as contact points and provide policy implementation and overall management of the review and award selection process.

- Steven Konsek (ENG/IIP)

**Topic-specific Program Directors:**

Serve as contact points and discuss prior research result and its readiness for the I-Corps™ program.

- BIO – Chris Meyer
- CISE – Anita La Salle
- EHR – Karen Crosby
- ENG – Steven Konsek
- GEO – Kandace Binkley
- MPS – John Schlueter
- SBE – Daisy Chang

**Proposal Content:**

- Team background and history
- Project plan
  - Lineage of the proposed innovation
  - Product/service concept and demo
  - Potential commercial impact

**Submission and Review Process:**

- Submission through NSF FastLane and Grants.gov after written invitation from Cognizant Program Officer
- RAPID internal review mechanism
- 45 days from submission to decision
- Additional I-Corps™ review criteria:
  - Potential market impact
  - Time horizon to impact

**Monitoring and Evaluation:**

NSF hosts online content regarding the process and tracks progress throughout the effort. Project progress will be tracked through a closed Wiki environment accessible only by NSF and the project teams. More information will be provided to teams on use of the Wiki.

**Expected Outcomes:**

- New start-up businesses
- Licenses
- SBIR  proposals
- Business model description suitable for review by third-party investors
- Students with entrepreneurial skills
- New or enhanced curricula