

CWRU Technology Validation & Start-Up Fund Program (CTP)

The Technology Validation and Start Fund (TVSF), funded by the Ohio Third Frontier, aims to accelerate and fund the translation of promising technologies into the marketplace through Ohio-startup companies with the eventual goal of creating greater economic growth.

CWRU is the only institution in Ohio to have received seven consecutive awards of \$500,000 per year, administered by the Technology Transfer Office as the CWRU TVSF Program (CTP) to advance a number of selected programs over a 12-month period. The CTP is intended to be the final bridge between a translational research project and a viable commercial program. Funding will support technologies that require validation/proof that will directly impact and enhance commercial viability and the ability to support a startup company. Projects must have already advanced beyond basic research and should have the equivalent of a laboratory-scale proof of concept prior to applying for funding.

Applicants are encouraged to work with potential Ohio licensees and business advisors prior to submitting an application in order to identify critical needs for the technology. Paramount importance will be placed on customer discovery, whether in the form of industry partners or potential users. Specific milestones related to enhancing valuation and reducing risk should be defined.

Technology Focus Areas:

All proposals must fall into the State of Ohio technology focus areas below. Please note that this specific RFP will focus on technologies within the biomedical and life sciences space. We will issue a separate RFP for biomedical and engineering projects in late 2024.

- Biomedical/Healthcare
- Life sciences

Award Information

Anticipated award type: **Standard Grant with 1:1 cost match**

Anticipated number of awards: 10-12 per year at \$50,000-\$150,000 each (includes cost match)

Funding period per project: **1 year**

Funding start date: **1-2 months after submission of full proposal**

Cost Match Requirement: **cash cost share commitment of at least one dollar for every dollar of project funds requested (i.e., a ratio of 1:1) and must represent a specific unrestricted (nongovernment funding) cash commitment to the project**

Funding Restrictions:

- Eligible expenses include personnel time, purchased services from vendors outside of CWRU, supplies, equipment

- At least 50% of the total budget should be allocated to independent, off-campus, third party vendors, preferably located in Ohio
- Personnel expenses cannot exceed 50% of the total budget
- Indirect costs: 0.00000912 0 612 792 re W* n BT /F1 11.04 Tf 1 0 0 1 299.19 737.7 Tm 0.1

