

Foods for Health ACTIVATE Awards

The Foods for Health Research Initiative (FFH) is dedicated to interdisciplinary, basic, and translational research on the relationship between nutrients, foods, dietary patterns, disease prevention, and health promotion.

FFH is excited to announce new planning award opportunities to facilitate new team development in emerging and critical research areas. These awards will be focused on specific research areas and paired with research summit events. Attendance at the research summit event is not required for eligibility, but it is highly encouraged.

ACTIVATE award RFPs will expire one calendar year following the inaugural summit for a given topic. Below is a table that lists topics eligible for funding. The table will be updated as awards are funded and new topics are released.

Table 1. Topics for FFH ACTIVATE Grants

Topic	Award Maximum (# available)	Open Date	Closed Date	Status
Sensory Nutrition & Ingestive Behaviors	\$7,500 (3)	10/25/23	10/24/24	OPEN

Continue to second page for eligibility and submission guidelines.

Eligibility

- This opportunity is open to all FFH core and affiliate faculty members. If you are not an FFH affiliate, learn more and join here: foodsforhealth.osu.edu/about-ffh/ffh-affiliates.
- Proposals must engage an interdisciplinary team of researchers. Multi-college collaborations are highly encouraged. Single and multi-PI grants will be accepted.
- The same individual may not serve as a PI or co-PI on more than one ACTIVATE submission or award for a given topic. If you submit a proposal as a PI or co-PI, you may still participate on other proposals as a collaborator.

Projects

Funds will remain active for one year following the project start date. Potential activities funded by this award include, but are not limited to:

- Organizing conferences or symposia relevant to the parent topic.

The intent of conferences and symposia should be to further build a research community or team focused on a more specific area within the broader topic of interest.

- Facilitated team development and strategic planning.

For example, you may wish to organize a series of meetings to develop a team that will submit a research proposal. The budget for this activity could potentially include food, space rental, bringing external partners to campus, or a paid facilitator among other items.

- Small proof-of-concept studies.

It may be necessary to generate some very basic preliminary data to test a new concept. These funds may be used for this type of work.

In-kind staff resources from FFH are available upon request. Examples include:

- Workshop design, planning, and facilitation
- Registration management
- Day-of event support

Please note, that if FFH in-kind support for event management is included in your request (e.g. space reservations, ordering food, etc.), FFH will directly manage that portion of your budget for efficiency purposes.

Expected Outcomes

Recipients of this award are, at minimum, expected to submit joint applications to the FFH Seed Grant program within the next granting period following the completion of their project. Submission to other internal or external opportunities may also satisfy this expectation.

All funded projects will be required to submit a final report at project end.

Application Format and Submission

Applications are limited to 2 pages including figures and tables. Section III is not counted towards the page limit. Documents should be single-spaced with ½ in margins and 11-point type. Save and submit applications as a single PDF.

Please include the following information on the first page:

- Title of proposal
- Team (indicate PI) including colleges and departments
- Topic from table 1 you are submitting to

Proposals should include the following sections

I. Introduction

- a. Short background rationale on the science behind the topic and why it is a good fit at Ohio State.
- b. Objectives

II. Approach and Outcomes

- a. If proposing a conference, symposium, or similar activity, include the following: a draft agenda, potential invitees, potential speakers, in-kind staff resources from FFH that will be requested, anticipated number of attendees.
- b. If proposing facilitated team development or similar activity, include information on potential facilitators and a draft schedule of meetings.
- c. If proposing a proof-of-concept study, include typical materials and methods information.
- d. All submissions should detail anticipated results of activities and the value (technical or otherwise) that they will bring.
- e. All submissions should detail potential pitfalls and approaches that will be used to overcome or account for them.

III. Supporting Materials (not included in page limit)

- a. Works cited/references
- b. Timeline
- c. Budget with Narrative

Applications will be accepted and evaluated on a rolling basis. Refer to table 1 for the submission window for specific topics and number of anticipated rewards.

Completed applications can be emailed to:

FFH@osu.edu