

Review of OR Funding Programs - December 2017

Funding Type	Application Mechanism	Available Funds (Success Rate)	Max. Request	Eligibility	Example of Allowable Expenses	Notes
Large Equipment	OR ReLODE Program	~\$1M / year at maturity (>75%)	\$500,000 per award	Current annual report on file; ability to repay loan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Equipment</li> <li>Extended Service Contract (must be a substantial discount)</li> </ul>	Focus on usage and ability to repay loan without impacting rates significantly
Small Equipment	OR Equipment Grant	~\$1.2M / year (50%)	\$100,000 per award	Current annual report on file	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Equipment</li> <li>Accessories required for operation (vibration isolation table)</li> <li>Minor Renovations (electrical install)</li> <li>Computer cluster or workstations for data analysis</li> <li>Specialized software</li> <li>Extended service contract (must be a substantial discount)</li> </ul>	Requests over core's annual revenue rarely funded. Letters need to emphasize impact to research. Proposal's need to quantify usage.
Large Equipment – Cost Sharing	External instrument grant (NIH, NSF, DoD)	determined by VPR	\$130,000 per award	For grants where ineligible costs are needed to strengthen proposal / enable project. Grants such as NSF MRI with large mandatory cost shares are ineligible (OR already provides 50% of cost share).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Service contract</li> <li>Personnel</li> <li>Accessories</li> <li>Travel costs associated with vendor training</li> </ul>	<a href="https://facilities.research.northwestern.edu/employee-resources/grants">https://facilities.research.northwestern.edu/employee-resources/grants</a> Must justify why costs that could be included in operating expenses should be included as cost share.
External Grant Writing	OR Operating Support Program	\$15K / year (25%)	\$1,500 flat support	Res. Faculty appointment; current annual report on file	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Salary only</li> </ul>	Core staff must be PI on equipment grant. Grant must be specific (i.e. point to specific RFP).
Core Consolidation / Satellite Core Creation	OR Operating Support Program	~\$200K / year (<50%)	None	Rapidly growing core; current annual report on file	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Salary</li> <li>Relocation of instrumentation</li> <li>Training</li> <li>Renovation of space</li> </ul>	Detailed business plan required. Contact OR before submitting requests. Expectation is that there will be investment from Dept./Center/School as well.
Staff Expansion	OR Operating Support Program	\$60K / year	Up to 50% of salary	Rapidly growing Core; current annual report on file	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Salary backstop</li> </ul>	Should be a backstop, not a lump sum. Contact OR before proposing.
Technique Development	OR Operating Support Program	No applications last year	<5% operating expense	Current annual report on file; technique must be broadly applicable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff time</li> <li>Other core services</li> <li>Consumables</li> <li>Animals</li> </ul>	Covering costs that cannot be put on recharge. Goal is new service lines.
Professional Development	OR Operating Support Program	~\$15K / year (~33%)	None	Current annual report on file	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conference fees</li> <li>Travel</li> <li>Shipping costs for samples</li> </ul>	Specific conferences should be listed. Covers staff that are 100% Core related
IT and other electronic services	OR Operating Support Program	~\$20K (50%)	\$10K	Current annual report on file; not covered by other sources of funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phone</li> <li>Network port installation</li> <li>Setup costs for remote data access</li> </ul>	Usually tied to facility larger projects (grant / expansion)
Loss of major user / instrument downtime	OR Operating Support Program	N/A	None	Current annual report on file; must be able to demonstrate actual loss	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lost revenue only</li> </ul>	Will not cover equipment that is damaged due to FM issue if not on UPS
Marketing	OR Operating Support Program	\$25K (50%)	\$5K	Current annual report on file	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Printing</li> <li>Conference support costs</li> <li>Food</li> </ul>	