



Applied Research & Development Program (ARAD)

**2024
Call for Applications**

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The ARAD Program

The Applied Research & Development (ARAD) Program provides matching funds on a competitive basis to support collaborations between Stony Brook University faculty and NY State corporate partners in all areas of medical biotechnology. These areas include research technologies, diagnostics, therapeutics, and medical devices. The primary interest is in supporting the development of technologies that will help companies hit commercially relevant milestones, and that have the potential to positively impact the New York State economy.

Summary of Program Objectives

- Facilitate collaborative relationships between NYS companies and faculty.
- Accelerate the development of commercially promising technologies.
- Work collaboratively with faculty and NYS bioscience companies to develop experimental protocols that will add value to intellectual property that has the potential to generate economic impact in New York State.
- Assist in moving these technologies down a commercial pathway by participating in the development of commercialization strategies, facilitating financing opportunities, facilitating out-licensing opportunities, and identifying potential commercial partners.

Program Guidelines

The Center for Biotechnology, through a competitive process, will cost-share translational research and development projects that are proposed in collaboration with NYS corporate partners. New York State corporate partners are required to provide a minimum \$2:\$1 match when requesting up to \$100K in funding and a minimum of \$1:\$1 when requesting up to \$50K in funding. To further enhance the value of this opportunity for collaboration a reduced indirect cost rate of 15% will be applied to these projects versus the current approved rate of 59.5%. All funds must be used to support research and development activities on the academic campus. Increased corporate match over the minimum will be considered positively in the review process. Awards cannot be used to fund research activities at the corporate sponsor's location.

For purposes of this program, a NYS industry partner is a for-profit enterprise with a permanent place of business located in New York State employing a full-time workforce. The company's New York facility must either be (1) the intended recipient of the Program's assistance, or (2) directly benefit from the Program's assistance. The Program's assistance must also demonstrably enhance the company's potential for growth in New York. Funds cannot be used to support work with results intended to be primarily available and/or useful only to a non-New York company or companies.

In addition to funding, ARAD program benefits include:

- Assistance with market / commercial assessment of a technology opportunity
- Guidance in developing specific aims toward a commercial endpoint
- Introduction to a network of industry advisors and professional service providers
- Exploration of additional external financing opportunities
- Introduction to additional business development opportunities

Applications for funding should be developed jointly by the Stony Brook faculty member and New York company co-sponsor. Applicants are strongly encouraged to meet with the Center for Biotechnology in advance of submission. Projects selected for funding will be formalized with a sponsored research contract or evaluative testing agreement developed in cooperation with the SUNY Research Foundation. A copy of the Research Foundation's standard corporate [sponsored research contract](#) and [evaluative testing agreement](#) are

available for review, although, the specific details of each project will be addressed in a customized contract if the project is selected for funding.

Proposal Submission

The ARAD application and budget forms can be downloaded from the Center's web site at <http://centerforbiotechnology.org/what-we-do/technology-development/>. Approval from the Research Foundation's Sponsored Programs Office is not required prior to submission, but will be required within 60 days of award notification from CFB, if the project is selected for funding. All applications require a letter of support from a senior executive of the company confirming their corporate residency in New York State and financial commitment to match-fund the project. Further details are found within the forms pages. A single PDF version of the proposal and letter of support should be submitted to the Center for Biotechnology (center_for_biotechnology@stonybrook.edu). **The deadline for receipt of applications is May 15, 2024, 5 pm.** Applications are accepted and considered on a competitive basis and are subject to the availability of funds.

Budget Guidelines

ARAD projects run from July 1st through June 30th of each year. As a general rule unexpended funds cannot be carried over from one fiscal year to the next. Funding is available for salaries of postdoctoral fellows, technicians and other non-faculty project personnel, supplies, equipment, and miscellaneous expenses. Award funds cannot be used for faculty salaries (tenure or tenure-track), building renovations, travel, meetings, entertainment, consultants, computers (unless directly related to project), or office equipment. Equipment purchases over \$5,000 must be dedicated to the project and have prior Center approval. The budget request should include the appropriate fringe benefit rate(s) as established by the Research Foundation of SUNY [Office of Sponsored Programs](#). If graduate students will be working on the project, please include tuition reimbursement as required by the Stony Brook University Graduate School. All New York State corporate-sponsored research projects conducted in partnership with the Center for Biotechnology qualify for a reduced indirect cost rate of 15% versus the published corporate indirect cost rate of 59.5%. Indirect cost should be included on both the company and Center budgets, but are calculated differently; the Center budget should include 15% of personnel costs as indirect costs, while the company budget should include 15% of total direct costs (TDC) as indirect costs.

Proposal Evaluation

Applications must support research that has significant potential for economic impact in NYS. Project evaluation is based upon the quality of the science, commercial potential, regulatory pathway, intellectual property position, the commitment of the sponsor, and level of economic impact in NYS. The importance of the project to the corporate sponsor, and the potential to generate economic impact in terms of expanded corporate or federal funding for the project, new private investment in the company as a result of the project, new job creation, corporate savings, increased corporate revenues, etc., are primary factors in the review process. Generation of new intellectual property is also viewed favorably but is not required. Intellectual property and licensing is administered through the Stony Brook University [Intellectual Property Partners](#) and is subject to [SUNY policies](#).

Proposals will be evaluated by the Center staff and an external Advisory Panel. Advisory panel members are selected from the academic, business, and investment communities. All members sign a confidentiality agreement to protect confidential information provided in the application.

Award Implementation and Administration

Award announcements will be made on or about June 15, 2024. Projects are scheduled to begin July 1, 2024 and must be completed by June 30, 2025. Unexpended funds cannot be carried forward from one project year to the next. Projects selected for funding must obtain approval at the departmental and sponsored programs level. They will then be forwarded to the appropriate contract administrator in the Office of Sponsored Programs to begin implementation of a research contract with the corporate sponsor. To accelerate project implementation corporate sponsors should review the standard research agreement in advance of the proposal submission to familiarize themselves with the basic terms. The research contract will be modified to address the specific circumstances of the project as necessary. PIs should have the necessary animal research or human subject applications prepared or approved as quickly as possible to facilitate a July 1 start date. Delays in project start dates can jeopardize funding if not fully anticipated. Therefore, it is critical that PIs and corporate sponsors work closely with the Center to address any outstanding issues that could impede the start and successful completion of the project.

Reporting Requirements

The PI and corporate co-sponsor must submit a non-proprietary 6-month progress report (one-page maximum) by January 15, 2025 and a one-page final progress report by July 31, 2025. The report should address both technical and commercial progress and should be sent electronically to the Center for Biotechnology (center_for_biotechnology@stonybrook.edu). As required by NYSTAR, the Center's funding agency, company sponsors will be required to report on the economic impact of the project on an annual basis. Economic impact in terms of additional funds leveraged, new corporate revenues, jobs created, and cost savings are the primary metrics for success but other supportive information such as patent applications and issued patents, licensed technology, publications, other grants funded, are also important milestones of success and should be communicated to the Center.

Twice a year, the Center is required to report on aggregate corporate research expenditures related to the project funding as a whole. To facilitate the collection of this information, acceptance of ARAD funding by the PI authorizes Center staff access to periodically review corporate accounts related to these awards.

Parties considering the submission of an application are strongly encouraged to contact Dr. Phuong Nguyen, Technology Commercialization Associate (phuong.t.nguyen@stonybrook.edu or 631-632-1341), prior to writing a full proposal.

Faculty are reminded of Stony Brook University [Export Control Policy P212](#) and are expected to be knowledgeable about federal export control regulations as they apply to their area of research, equipment, supplies, technology and technical data used in their laboratories and/or research. Information and links to the regulations are located on the OVPR website at: <https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/export-controls/>. Faculty should not share confidential or third-party proprietary information that is, or that they suspect may be, export controlled in their grant applications without first consulting with the SBU's Export Compliance Officer.

Disclosure of non-public, export controlled technology or technical data to Stony Brook University (SBU) faculty, staff or students that are non-U.S. persons may require a U.S. federal agency authorization. Companies are responsible for determining, and if necessary securing, the appropriate authorizations prior to sharing any non-public, export controlled technology or technical data with SBU.

ARAD PROGRAM GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The Applied Research & Development (ARAD) Program supports collaborative research projects developed jointly between Stony Brook University (SBU) faculty and a New York company with the primary goal of developing technology toward commercial goals. The Center for Biotechnology's (CFB's) support must be matched by the corporate co-sponsor at no less than a \$2:\$1 ratio when requesting up to \$100K and no less than a \$1:\$1 ratio when requesting up to \$50K. Greater match funding provided by the corporate sponsor will be viewed positively during the review process, although it is not the only evaluation criteria.

Upon award, two accounts will be established in the name of the SBU faculty; one for the CFB award and the other for the corporate award. However, these awards fund a single project with a single set of specific aims, and should be administered with that in mind.

- Funds in each account are expected to be spent simultaneously and at the same rate to the extent reasonably possible.
- Each account falls under the same general guidelines of the ARAD program.
- The entire project is intended to be completed within the specified timeframe unless an extension is approved by the CFB.
- All expenditures are intended to be on campus. Any use of off-campus testing facilities or other off-campus contractors must have the CFB's prior written approval if not included in the original proposal budget.

Reporting requirements:

As a jointly managed project, one written, non-proprietary six-month progress report and one written, non-proprietary final report are required to be submitted to the Center of Biotechnology.

January 15, 2025: deadline for the six-month progress report

July 31, 2025: deadline for the final progress report

Each report should address both technical and commercial progress and sent electronically to the Center for Biotechnology (center_for_biotechnology@stonybrook.edu).

Corporate co-sponsor required reporting: The Center for Biotechnology is supported by Empire State Development's Division of Science, Technology and Innovation (NYSTAR) program and is required to provide economic impact data on all sponsored projects annually. This includes additional funds leveraged, new corporate revenues, jobs created, and cost savings as the primary metrics for success. However, other supportive information such as patent applications and issued patents, licensed technology, publications, other grants funded, are also important milestones of success and should be communicated to the Center for Biotechnology. By accepting CFB funding, both the faculty PI and corporate sponsor agree to provide this information in a timely and accurate manner upon CFB request.