



Innovation Grants Program

2020 – 2021 Funding Announcement

The EarthLab Innovation Grants Program invests in teams of University of Washington researchers, students and non-academic partners seeking to develop innovative solutions to pressing environmental challenges.

There is \$300,000 available and teams may apply for up to \$75,000 per project. Projects should address **pressing environmental challenges**. Funding is intended to support **new partnerships** that are:

- led by and with those most impacted by a particular environmental challenge
- seek to co-define research priorities from multiple perspectives
- seek to generate actionable science and knowledge (i.e., research that is usable and used)

Those most impacted may refer to the people, communities, municipalities (e.g., a city planning for sea level rise), industries (e.g., agricultural industry facing increased flooding or drought), or other entities directly affected by an environmental challenge.

Pressing environmental challenges might include, for example: the effects of climate change on people and ecosystems, such as ocean acidification, increased food insecurity, and displacement due to sea level rise; environmental pollution or hazards disproportionately affecting Indigenous communities, communities of color and low-income communities; the impacts of nature and the built environment on human health; the effects of reduced biodiversity on ecosystems and human well-being; and more.

Project teams must include:

- at least one non-academic partner (for example, a Tribe, a community-led organization, a non-governmental organization, a city, state or federal agency, or a business)
- a minimum of two University of Washington researchers from different disciplines
- at least one University of Washington undergraduate or graduate student or postdoc

Deadline for Letters of Intent: January 10, 2020 5:00 pm PST

Information Sessions:

UW Seattle
November 6
4:00-6:00pm
Intellectual House
[RSVP](#)

UW Tacoma
November 13
4:00-6:00pm
Dougan Building 260
[RSVP](#)

UW Bothell
November 19
4:00-6:00pm
Founders Hall 103
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To see the full RFP, please visit earthlab.uw.edu/grants. For questions or assistance, please email elgrants@uw.edu.