



CSU STRATA Advanced Industries Proof of Concept Program: Call for Letters of Intent

Letter of Intent Deadline: August 29, 2022

CSU STRATA is requesting Letters of Intent for funding through the Advanced Industries (AI) Proof of Concept (POC) Program. This funding is provided to Colorado State University (CSU) through the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) and is intended to accelerate the commercialization of CSU innovations with high potential for creating economic impact in the State of Colorado. CSU applicants may request up to \$120,000 in funding for POC projects related to the following industries: Aerospace, Advanced Manufacturing, Bioscience, Electronics, Energy and Natural Resources, Infrastructure Engineering, and Technology and Information. **A 1:3 cash match is required.**

Program Specifics:

- **A Letter of Intent is required to begin the process.**
- Applicants who are invited to submit proposals to CSU STRATA based on their Letters of Intent will be emailed additional instructions for submitting their proposals; proposals are due by 4pm, September 30, 2022.
- Applicants whose full proposals are selected for funding by CSU STRATA following the September 30, 2022 submission will be notified and will need to complete the OEDIT full application in the OEDIT application portal by November 1, 2022 to receive funding.
- Funding maximum: \$120,000, plus matching funds.
- Matching Funds: **A 1:3 cash match is required (\$1 match for every \$3 in funding from OEDIT)**. CSU STRATA *may* provide part of the matching requirement for select projects; however, priority will be given to projects that have matching funds identified. Matching funds must be in cash (not in-kind) and cannot be other State of Colorado funds or funds from existing sponsored projects. Faculty effort is not allowed as a match.
- Industries: Projects must be related to one or more of the following advanced industries: Aerospace, Advanced Manufacturing, Bioscience, Electronics, Energy and Natural Resources, Infrastructure Engineering, and Technology and Information.
- Eligibility: AI POC grant funding is available to any Colorado State University non-temporary, salaried, stated classified or general faculty employee.
- Program Intent: The intent of the AI POC Program is to accelerate the commercialization of university research in the advanced industries, stimulating economic development in Colorado and creating new jobs in the region ([see State program details](#)).

Application Instructions:

- To begin the application process, please submit a Letter of Intent to techtransfer@csustrata.org by 4pm, August 29, 2022, using the LOI template provided on the [CSU STRATA website](#).
- All questions regarding the LOI process should be directed to Sarah Belford via email: sarah.belford@colostate.edu



- Competitive applications demonstrate the potential of their projects to result in significant economic impact and the creation of jobs in the State of Colorado by advancing their research innovations towards becoming new commercial products or processes.

Anticipated Timeline:

Date	Who is Required to Participate	Activity
8/29/2022	All potential applicants	Letter of Intent due by 4 pm MDT
9/6/2022	All potential applicants	Notice of request to submit proposal
9/30/2022	Final Applicants	Proposal due by 4 pm MDT
10/10/2022- 10/11/2022	Final Applicants	Applicant Pitches will be scheduled by CSU STRATA on these days
10/17/2022	Final Applicants	Notification of award
11/1/2022	Awardees	Full proposals due to OEDIT in OEDIT application portal

About the State of Colorado’s Advanced Industries (AI) Program

- The AI POC Program was created in 2013 by the Colorado Legislature to promote the success of seven designated industries in the State of Colorado. A portion of these funds are made available for proof of concept (POC) research occurring at Colorado research institutions and are allocated through the technology transfer offices.
- For AI POC program specifics, guidelines, and expectations, please see the [State of Colorado AI Programs Grant Guidelines](#).

About CSU STRATA

- CSU STRATA is a private, not-for-profit corporation, legally separate from the Colorado State University (CSU) System. Founded in 1941, we support and serve the campuses and affiliates of the CSU System through strategic real estate management, project development services, special project oversight, intellectual property management and technology transfer services, as well as operational management of regional, state, national, and international assets.