PDS proposals must be submitted by **December 1, 2023** and should include the following:

a. A cover page with proposal title, PIs with affiliation, and no more than 5 keywords describing the area of research;

b. A detailed summary of the proposed research activities (maximum 5 pages);

c. A detailed description of the research team, identifying the role of each investigator (maximum 2 pages);

d. Intended funding agency and corresponding RFP(s) or grant announcement (s) for future proposals that will be generated through the work supported by PDS:
   I. Clearly connect PDS funding to improving the success of a proposal to the specific grant announcement(s);
   II. Intended submission timeline and size of estimated budget (no budget detail necessary);

e. Detailed PDS budget (PDS duration is 6 months: January 15, 2024 - July 15, 2024);

f. Justification of PDS budget;

g. Current resumes of all PIs (maximum 2 pages per PI).

Review/selection criteria:

a. A review committee/panel comprised of 3-5 members;

b. A recommendation of funding (either “recommend” or “not recommend”) will be submitted to the VCR who will make the final decision based on reviews and available funding;

c. Review will weight on each of the following criteria:
   I. Significance and innovation of the proposed research; quality and clarity of the proposal’s concept, objective, timeline, and description; demonstration of an excellent understanding of the field(s) in which the project is situated;
   II. Targeted external proposal opportunities: meeting PDS external proposal goals; evaluation of whether the PDS improves the probability of success with targeted research agency and grant opportunity;
   III. Feasibility: PIs, facilities;
   IV. Adequacy/utility of items for which PDS is requested.

**Two PDS awards will be set aside for faculty who present or have a poster during the Research Discovery Workshop (more PDS awards may be possible for Research Discover Workshop attendees based on reviews and availability of funds).**

PDS funding will start January 15, 2024 and will cover expenses until July 15, 2024. All funds must be expended during the period of performance. Under no circumstances will the funds be extended beyond July 15, 2025.

**Note:** To create continuous support for the PDS program, faculty who receive PDS funds and who are successful in receiving awards through proposals that were made possible through PDS
support, will allocate their 4% F&A return to a PDS fund to support future investigators, regardless of the PIs’ Center affiliation.