

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

### Guam NSF-EPSCoR's ECORE Seed Funding Grant

**Submission Deadline: March 31, 2026 (1700H CHamoru Standard Time)**

Guam NSF-EPSCoR's Collaborations for Optimizing Research Ecosystems (ECORE) project, "Optimizing Research Infrastructure in Guam (ORIG)", will offer seed funding awards for 2026-2027. We are seeking research proposals from faculty members, post-doctoral fellows and researchers from the University of Guam, and from other researchers within Guam's community. Guam NSF-EPSCoR seed funding awards will include support for developing collaborative projects across Guam's research ecosystem. Proposals should describe hypothesis-driven research projects that align with at least one of the five (5) opportunity areas (Aquaculture; IT/Data Science/Cybersecurity; Energy; Natural Resources/Sustainable Development; Additive Manufacturing) outlined in the [Guam Science and Technology Plan](https://guamepscior.uog.edu/guam-science-technology-plan/) (<https://guamepscior.uog.edu/guam-science-technology-plan/>).

Seed funding grant awards will be \$50,000 each. Successful proposals will be selected based upon relevance to emergent science, research quality, and a demonstrated potential to achieve significant results that could lead to future grant proposal submissions and peer reviewed publications. Awardees will have one year from the award date to complete a project and grants are anticipated to start in June 2026.

Applicants should submit a five (5) page proposal that includes a concise statement describing the project, the hypothesis or problem addressed, how the project aligns with the Guam Science and Technology Plan, anticipated outcome(s) of this research, a timeline for planning and research. Additional documents required are a 1-page project summary, references cited, and an itemized budget with justification. Proposal applications should be submitted no later March 31, 2026 (1700H Chamorro Standard Time).

**Proposals should be submitted to Ms. Janet (Jan) Dirige, Project Administrator ([jtdirige@uog.edu](mailto:jtdirige@uog.edu)). Please use the subject line "Guam ECORE Seed Funding Proposal".**

For more information about Guam NSF-EPSCoR and ECORE, please visit [www.guamepscior.uog.edu](http://www.guamepscior.uog.edu).