



Office of the Vice President for Research and Economic Development

**REQUEST FOR RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT
Fall 2008 Competition: Infrastructure for Underfunded or Unfunded
Research, Scholarship, and Creativity**

The Research Infrastructure Support Initiative is designed to leverage efforts by the Deans and Chairs to strengthen the research enterprise in their areas, improve faculty productivity, and enhance the graduate and undergraduate research experience. The Fall 2008 Research Infrastructure Competition is intended specifically to target research areas at UNT which have traditionally been unfunded or underfunded, but have potential to attract external funding.

Requests for the Fall 2008 Research Infrastructure Competition may be made for total support between \$5,000 (minimum) and \$25,000 (maximum). Proposals are welcome not only from individual researchers and collaborating faculty, but also from departments, centers, institutes, schools, and colleges. Deans, Chairs, Center Directors, PIs, and Co-PIs are expected to provide a total of 10% of the project cost (i.e., up to \$2,500 for a \$25,000 request). Proposals may include purchases and upgrades of equipment including computers, workstations and peripherals; re-useable research materials; and renovation of space. Personnel costs are not eligible.

Priorities will be given to infrastructure requests that:

- support research that has external funding potential, but for which significant external funding has not been obtained at UNT
- support high-profile research in areas for which external funding is less readily available
- support multi-disciplinary research
- are critical to UNT's mission

Please complete each section below, and obtain chairperson and dean/director signatures.

Proposals must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m., October 13, 2008. Proposals must be submitted electronically to Sarah Sprinkle at Sarah.Sprinkle@unt.edu. Questions regarding proposal submissions may also be directed to Ms. Sprinkle.

For details and questions on this program, including applicability of particular research areas, contact Kenneth Sewell or Ruthanne Thomas, Associate Vice Presidents for Research.

Section I – Application Information

Lead Applicant

Name:	Phone:	Email:
Title:	College:	Department:

Co-Applicants (Please add sections as needed)

Name:	Phone:	Email:
Title:	College:	Department:

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Section II – Matching Funds, Endorsements, and Signatures

II.a. Applicants

	Lead and Co-Applicants
SIGNATURE	
DATE	
SIGNATURE	
DATE	
SIGNATURE	
DATE	

II.b. Chairs

	Chairs
MATCHING AMOUNT PLEDGED	
DEPARTMENT	
SIGNATURE AND DATE	
MATCHING AMOUNT PLEDGED	
DEPARTMENT	
SIGNATURE AND DATE	
MATCHING AMOUNT PLEDGED	
DEPARTMENT	
SIGNATURE AND DATE	

II.c. Deans

	Deans
MATCHING AMOUNT PLEDGED	
COLLEGE/SCHOOL	
SIGNATURE AND DATE	
MATCHING AMOUNT PLEDGED	
COLLEGE/SCHOOL	
SIGNATURE AND DATE	

II.d. Associate Vice President for Research Recommendation (VPR Office Use Only)

Signature: _____

Date: _____

II.e. Vice President for Research Approval (VPR Office Use Only)

Funds Granted: \$ _____ Acct: _____

Vice President for
Research & Economic
Development: _____ Date: _____

Responses to the following items can be entered directly into this word processing document.

Section III – Description of Infrastructure Request

Enter a TITLE of the request (this can be a project title, or simply a one-sentence description of the item(s) that will be purchased with the requested funds):

Total Cost of Item(s): Amount Requested from VPR*:

*This amount may be up to 90% of total costs.

III.a. Provide a full description of the item(s) and a cost estimate of infrastructure requested (two page limit).

III.b. Provide a description of how the acquisition of the item(s) will enhance the research, scholarly, and/or creative productivity of faculty across multiple projects and time periods.

III.c. IF EXTERNAL FUNDING IS SEEN AS PROMISING IN THIS AREA—Provide a description of the anticipated relation between the needed item(s) and faculty members' ability to secure extramural funding to support future research, scholarly, and/or creative productivity. Be as specific as possible; include the agencies and specific programs to which proposals will be submitted, and the timelines (including anticipated agency deadlines) for submission.

III.d. IF EXTERNAL FUNDING IS SEEN AS LESS AVAILABLE IN THIS AREA—Provide rationale for the conclusion that funding is less available, as well as rationale for how productivity in this area will raise the profile of UNT significantly, even without the near-term generation of significant external funding.

Section IV – Qualifications and Record of Applicants

Provide full information for the Lead Applicant and each Co-Applicant in as many of the following areas, as applicable, using as much space as necessary.

IV.a. List journal publications, other refereed publications, conference presentations, seminars, invited talks, performances, and exhibits within the last three years.

IV.b. Describe how students will be involved in the research supported by this infrastructure. How many doctoral students will be directly involved? How many masters students will be directly involved?

IV.c. Describe the access to the requested item(s) faculty, other than the applicant(s) will have.

IV.d. If employed at UNT three years or fewer, provide the details of the start-up package provided at the time of your hiring and why this need cannot be met using start-up funds.

IV.e If you are PI or Co-PI on any current or pending external grants, list those projects (sponsor, title, PI and Co-PI names, funding amount, and period). Provide a rationale for eligibility, given that this competition is targeted to support infrastructure for unfunded/underfunded research at UNT.