WiSys Ambassador Grant Program

Background

The WiSys Ambassador Program enhances the vital connection between WiSys and the UW regional campus. Engaging excellent students to serve as WiSys Ambassadors brings a new dimension to WiSys' outreach mission and augments WiSys' visibility and presence among researchers and students on each of the campuses we serve. This in turn builds the culture of research and innovation on campus and provides a vital link to WiSys programs and resources.

The WiSys **Ambassador Grant Program** ("Ambassador Grant") aims to connect WiSys with the research community more directly by supporting summer research programs that engage WiSys Ambassadors.

The Ambassador Grant is designed to help WiSys Ambassadors advance their knowledge and skills as young researchers. The Ambassador Grant provides awards up $4,500/project to hire a WiSys Ambassador for a summer research program. Funds awarded may be used for implementation and completion of short-term projects or to advance long-term projects the Ambassador(s) have been undertaking with the guidance of a faculty mentor.

Contact Tony Hanson at thanson@wisys.org to learn more about this program.

General Program Details:

1. Eligible projects will be funded by WiSys up to $4500/project proposal; limit of one award/ambassador/call.
2. Applicants must obtain approval from their faculty mentor to apply to this program.
3. Funds can be used as salary for the WiSys Ambassador researcher and for supplies and expenses; up to $4,000 is allowed for student salary* and up to $500 is allowed for supplies and expenses. Salary for faculty will not be considered in this program. *Funding for fringe benefits is allowed for the 2022 program only and should be included within the $4,500 budget.
4. Indirect costs are not allowed in this program.
5. Funds must be used by the end of the 2022 fall semester.
6. Applicants must follow each campus' internal grant submission and approval process and use the WiSys Ambassador Grant application form provided below for their project proposal. Project Proposals should not exceed 2 pages in length. Applicants should use the Proposal Narrative template provided below.
7. Applicants must have been employed for at least one semester as a WiSys Ambassador and remain in good standing to be eligible for this program.
8. Proposals will be scored based upon clarity of project milestones, development timeline, unmet need/target market, and evidence of project feasibility and/or preliminary data.

Applicants are asked to submit their application materials through Submittable at the following link: https://wisys.submittable.com/submit. All forms are available for download here as well as within the Submittable platform.

A final report must be submitted no later than 6 weeks after the completion date of the project. A WiSys team member will be in touch with successful applicants regarding reporting requirements.