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**SAPC II**

# Timeline

- Phase 1 Call for Proposals issued: November 4, 2008
- Phase 1 Concept Papers due: March 2, 2009
- Notification to Phase 1 participants & Invitation to Phase 2 participants: April 3, 2009
- Phase 2 Proposals due: September 30, 2009
- SAPC II grant recipients announced: January 12, 2010

# SAPC II Criteria

## Required Criteria

- A. Excellence.
- B. Leadership and Program Integration.
- C. Involvement.
- D. Mission Fit.
- E. Educational Impact.
- F. Financial Viability

## Preferred Attributes

- A. Thematic Emphasis.
- B. Interdisciplinary.
- C. Broader Impact

# Types of Grants

Element	Full Grants	Seed Grants
<b>Objective of Effort</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accelerate and/or augment efforts of an existing excellent research program</li> <li>• Create productive new partnerships from disparate existing efforts that will result in an excellent research program within a timeframe of approximately 3-6 years</li> <li>• Launch a new research program that is relatively certain of success within the timeframe of 3-6 years</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pursue a predominantly new research program that could have high impact, but is also less certain of success or needs more than 3-6 years to developing into a world-class program.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Size of Grant</b></p> <p><i>Total over a period of 3 years, including one-time &amp; recurring funds. Grants may be renewed for a second 3 year term.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least \$250 K in total investment</li> <li>• Up to \$15 MM in total investment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least \$250 K in total investment</li> <li>• No more than \$1 MM in total investment.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Topics for Research Program</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identified thematic areas encouraged</li> <li>• Any investigator-initiated idea that is consistent with Notre Dame's unique mission and aspirations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identified thematic areas encouraged</li> <li>• Any investigator-initiated idea that is consistent with Notre Dame's unique mission and aspirations</li> </ul>
<p><b>Involvement</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple faculty members</li> <li>• Interdisciplinary teams preferred</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple faculty members</li> <li>• Interdisciplinary teams preferred</li> </ul>

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<b>Types of Items Funded</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Programmatic needs (e.g., data sets, travel time, research staff)</li> <li>• Infrastructure investments (e.g., equipment, facilities, collections) that are part of a research proposal</li> <li>• Permanent faculty lines and associated start-up funds that would complement a research proposal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Programmatic needs (e.g., data sets, travel time, research staff)</li> <li>• Infrastructure investments (e.g., equipment, collections) that are part of a research proposal</li> </ul>
<b>Expected Outcome</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 - 6 year grant will substantially establish program's excellence</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 - 6 year grant will provide guidance as to whether further and more permanent investment is warranted</li> </ul>

# Themes

1. **Environmental Sustainability.** Proposals that address the many aspects of environmental sustainability of cities and communities-- including public policy, law, public adoption of technologies, the interplay of technology and economics, and the environmental consequences of energy development -- are encouraged.
2. **Poverty and Human Development.** Proposals are welcomed that address issues such as the political systems, public health and education policies, immigration, and infrastructure development that cause, exacerbate, and/or alleviate poverty.
3. **Religion and culture; religion and science.** Examples of the numerous proposal topics that might be pursued within this bipartite theme include religion and secularization, religious dialogue, modernity and religion, the “clash of civilizations”, theological topics such as faith and reason, neuroscience and religion/religious experience/religious discourse, theories of the origin of the cosmos, or bioethics.
4. **Water.** Proposals might explore approaches to the safety and reliability of water supplies – including environmental management; water treatment efficiency; water system designs; watershed-wide mechanisms for governance; policy analysis and coordination among governments and local institutions; and ecohydrology and collaboration with intergovernmental water programs, such as those sponsored by the United Nations.