

Dairy Innovation Hub

Call for Capital Equipment Proposals

The new UW Dairy Innovation Hub is a \$7.8 million per year investment by the State of Wisconsin to build a world-class talent pool and enable bold discoveries to ensure that Wisconsin's dairy farmers, processors, and related agribusinesses will be at the global forefront in producing nutritious dairy products in an economically, environmentally, and socially sustainable manner.

As one aspect of enabling novel and high-impact research within the priority areas of the Dairy Innovation Hub (DIH), funds are available for acquisition of equipment that will enable high-impact projects that will fit within one of the four priority areas of the Hub (visit the [DIH website](#) for more information):

1. Steward Land and Water Resources
2. Enrich Human Health and Nutrition
3. Ensure Animal health and Welfare
4. Grow Farm Businesses and Communities

The objective of these grants is to increase research capacity in the Dairy Innovation Hub's four priority areas by providing key pieces of farm or laboratory capital equipment, or a comparable research resource, that creates novel capacity for high-impact research.

Proposals must be submitted via WISPER. To be accepted, proposals must have all approvals (Chair/Administrator/Co-PIs) and include the full proposal as detailed below. The Short Title (WISPER) must be "UW Dairy Innovation Hub: Equipment" (document type: other) and be routed to Casey Hillmer.

Submissions due by 5pm January 21, 2020.

Awards are expected to be made in the range of \$5,000 to \$100,000. Submitting PIs need to have formal UW-Madison PI status.

Application materials:

A brief (2-page maximum) proposal containing the following should be submitted:

- Identify which of the DIH four priority area(s) are relevant to the equipment request.
- Provide a justification of how the equipment is essential for research within one or more of the DIH priority areas and how it will create novel or expanded capital equipment capacity for high-impact research that does not currently exist within CALS. The burden to convey the novelty and importance of the proposed equipment, and the value of the equipment to the Dairy Innovation Hub priority areas, is on the PI.
- A list of researchers who will benefit from the equipment (preference will be given to proposals that will benefit multiple investigators). Letters of support must be provided by each investigator detailing the research in their program that will benefit from the equipment
- Description of future extramurally funded research proposals that will benefit from acquiring the proposed equipment.
- Estimated cost of equipment, with at least three quotes, or one quote with justification of selected vendor.

If you have questions regarding appropriateness or fit of a proposed item to this call, please contact Heather White heather.white@wisc.edu, 608-263-7786.