

New Funding Opportunities Available for Industry/University Research in Kansas

The Kansas Bioscience Authority (KBA) has a program designed to encourage and fund research collaborations between Kansas bioscience companies and Kansas universities.

The R&D Voucher Program provides vouchers to companies on a competitive basis. These vouchers are then used to fund research projects. The goal is to promote economic development in Kansas.



Project Focus

Funds support applied research projects in the biosciences that have commercial application, e.g., proof of concept. Bioscience research includes areas such as: pharmaceuticals, therapeutics, medical devices, veterinary medicine, plant sciences, biochemistry, and agricultural and industrial bioscience applications.

Applicant Eligibility

The company is the lead organization in the submission of an application. To be eligible, the company must 1) have a major physical presence in Kansas, 2) operate primarily in the biosciences industry, and 3) enter into a partnership with a Kansas research university or another Kansas-based company or institution.

Project Scope and Matching Requirements

Participating companies can receive up to \$1 million each year for two years. The company must match the KBA grant dollar-for-dollar in cash, resulting in a pool of available funds of up to \$2 million each year for two years. At least 51% of the total available funds for any project must be spent at the collaborating university, company, or institution. Universities that participate in a project are required to match 20% of the KBA grant in cash or in-kind.

Application Process

Applications are submitted jointly by the company and the collaborating university. Applications are received and evaluated on an ongoing basis by KBA.

For more information help in connecting with KU researchers, and assistance in preparing R&D voucher applications, contact:

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