

# ***Policies and Procedures***

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<i>POLICY:</i> <b>Concurrent Submission of Similar or Identical Applications</b>	<i>PAGE 1 OF 1</i>		

## **1. PURPOSE**

This policy clarifies Creighton’s position on the submission of overlapping applications to concurrent internal grant competitions.

## **2. POLICY**

Creighton’s internal seed grant programs have positively influenced faculty research productivity and grantsmanship. These merit-based pilot project programs depend on peer review and are aligned with policies and processes used by the federal government. As an example of the positive impact, over the past several years the LB692-funded “New Initiatives Program” has generated a sizeable return on the investment (ROI) in terms of new NIH awards to Creighton faculty.

Many federal agencies have longstanding policies not to review two applications with overlapping aims at the same time. There are many reasons for this policy, particularly the need to avoid added burdens on the review system. For the same reason, Creighton University will not allow overlapping applications to different seed grant programs that are undergoing concurrent review. Internal grant funds remain a scarce resource on our campus and it is in everyone’s best interest to support a diverse pool of investigators.

It is unethical for investigators to accept duplicate funding for the same project.

To reiterate, Creighton’s policy is that two (or more) similar, identical, or essentially identical applications cannot be under review at the same time, even if they are submitted to different internal funding opportunity announcements.

## **3. SCOPE**

This policy applies to all eligible applicants to Creighton University’s internal seed grant programs.