Announcing the 2018 J-WAFS Solutions Call for Proposals

Are you performing research focused around water and food supply?

Are you conceptualizing and developing products and services that will have a significant impact on water and food security, with related economic and societal benefits? Are you working on technology related to these issues and looking to make your research market ready but lack support in funding or industry-related connections? If you answered yes to these questions, then click here to learn about the grant program from J-WAFS Solutions.

The Abdul Latif Jameel World Water and Food Security Lab (J-WAFS) Solutions program, managed by the **MIT Deshpande Center for Technological Innovation,** aims to help MIT faculty and students commercialize breakthrough technologies and inventions by transforming promising ideas at MIT into innovative products and cutting-edge spinout companies.

Projects are required to align with **J-WAFS' strategic research focus around water and food supply and safety; supported projects should be aimed at conceptualizing and developing products and services that will have a significant impact on water and food security, with related economic and societal benefits.** That will improve the productivity, accessibility, and sustainability of the world's water and food systems.

Applicants must submit a pre-proposal via, **FluidReivew**, the online grant submission system. The 3-4 page **pre-proposals are due February 22, 2018 at 5:00 p.m EDT.**

Grant Details

- **Three to five research projects will be awarded one-year grants of up to $150,000; one-year renewal grants are possible with total project funding not to exceed $300,000.**
- **The J-WAFS Solutions program is open only to MIT faculty, research staff, postdocs, and students**; proposed projects must be submitted and led by MIT employees with **Principal Investigator (PI) status.**
- These are commercialization grants, not research grants. We are looking for teams that are eager and committed to a path that involves product development and/or spinning out companies. **J-WAFS has a separate seed grant program that funds earlier-stage research.**

Important Dates:
- **February 22, 2018 - Pre-proposals due (submit by 5PM EST)**
- April 2, 2018 - Full proposal invitation notification
- **May 1, 2018 - Full and renewal proposals due (submit by 5PM EST) - by invitation only**
- **TBD - Full and renewal proposals presentations - by invitation only**
- Summer 2018 - Grant awards notification
- September 1, 2018 - Grant award start date
- October 2018 - Grant awards announced to the public

For detailed information about the grant program, funded projects, and instructions on submitting a proposal, please visit the JWAFS **website** or email us **deshpandecenter@mit.edu**.

The J-WAFS Solutions program is sponsored by Community Jameel, which is represented on the governing committee of the program.