

Dear Dr. Weliweriya,

Thank you for submitting a proposal for consideration under OIBR's faculty seed grant program. The committee has completed the review process, and I am sorry to inform you that your proposal was not selected for funding via this mechanism.

For transparency, we are providing each applicant with information about the review process. The seed grant review committee is an ad hoc group composed of OIBR Distinguished Scholars and the Associate Director. Diversity is considered when forming the review committee to ensure participation of women and underrepresented minorities, as well as different disciplinary perspectives. The members of this year's committee were Grace Ahn, Katie Ehrlich, Logan Fiorella, Josh Miller, Becky Nesbit, Julie Stanton and Jennifer McDowell. The National Institutes of Health scoring system (1-9, excellent to poor) was used to rate each proposal on the review criteria specified in the call, and for a summary score. Individual reviewer ratings were made independently and then the committee met to discuss each application and finalize scores. The OIBR Directors reviewed the recommendations and made final award decisions based on the availability of funds. Committee members with conflicts of interests (shared departmental membership and/or collaboration with a member of the research team in the past 2 years) were recused from the review process.

Please know that OIBR strongly supports you and your research agenda, and we encourage you to continue to seek these funding opportunities in the future. Thank you again for submitting a proposal, and we look forward to seeing you at future OIBR events.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J McDowell', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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