

CWRU SOM
Core Strategic Investment Opportunity
Request for Information

The CWRU SOM currently supports ~45 scientific core facilities that span a wide range of capabilities from genetic and molecular analyses to clinical assessments of disease. These cores support regional investigators at CWRU, University Hospitals – Case Medical Center, Cleveland Clinic, MetroHealth Medical Center, the VA Medical Center and other regional academic and industrial partners. Collectively, these scientific cores are comprised of >100 faculty and staff within the medical school and represent an ~\$15 million annual business. As such, the CWRU SOM is investigating the possibility of making strategic investments to further strengthen the innovative capabilities as well as the technical and operational capabilities of these outstanding cores.

As center directors and core directors, the Core Steering Committee would like to enlist your help in identifying and prioritizing these potential investment opportunities. The guidelines and specific requirements for submitting ideas for these core investments are described in detail below.

Requirements:

1. These strategic investments will be for capital equipment requests only (i.e., new equipment and/or enhancements to existing core equipment. No requests for service contracts. Requests for initial associated staffing support will be considered only for special cases, but continued support should be built into the business plan.
2. Equipment requests can be for established scientific cores, or new cores that will establish an entirely new technological core capability at CWRU. In either case, the equipment has to be accessible for investigators in multiple departments, centers, and institutions.
3. Minimum Request = \$25,000

Proposal Guidelines:

The proposal will be written as a 1-page document (PDF format) that will provide:

1. Basic description of the new equipment and scientific advancement in core capabilities provided by this investment.
2. Strategic benefits to the core, SOM, University, and regional researchers.
3. Cost of the equipment including site preparation if necessary.
4. Which core(s) will house and operate the new capability. If a new core, please provide more detailed description/need for the new core (1/2 page).
5. List/outline of potential users, grants, and centers that will be supported by this equipment. Details of how it will be used are requested.
6. Business plan including user fee schedule, detailed description staffing to operate the new equipment as well as plans for providing maintenance and support for the equipment.
7. Timeline for purchase and implementation.

Submission:

1. Submit your proposal by end of business **Friday June 3, 2016** via email to somcores@case.edu with the subject line “Core Investment Proposal – *Director’s Name*”