IonE has worked with Faculty and Staff members from units and colleges that span the entire UofM Twin Cities, Morris, Moorhead and Duluth campuses. Our strength is rooted in our collaborations.

Do you have a sponsored project that you’d like to partner with IonE on? We can help you get it done – from beginning to end. We have a well-trained administrative grants staff who can help pull your proposal together. We have had sponsored projects with everyone from large governmental agencies (UDSA, NSF, NIH, etc.) to local non-profit agencies, and everyone in between. We specialize in finding creative ways to do unique and collaborative projects.

Here are some things you should know about how to start your relationship with IonE:

1. Identify the staff member(s) within IonE that you will be working alongside. This includes scholars working inside of IonE as well as our full roster of Affiliates.
2. Either you, as the proposed PI, or the IonE staffer, should fill out this Proposal Initiation Request form as early on in the process as possible.
3. After you submit the above form, an IonE grants administrator will reach out to you for further information gathering.

Here are some things we can help you with as you are putting together your proposal:

*We appreciate an early introduction to your grants staff for efficient and effective coordination*

1. Document gathering – CVs, COIs, Current & Pending, etc.
2. Budget creation
3. Arranging and housing meetings with project staff for proposal preparation

Other good things to know about IonE and our internal policies:

- **PRF Routing Chain:**
  - Deink001 – DeptAdministrator
  - Mcca0540 – DeptAdministrator
  - Legilber – Dept Head
  - Hellmann – Dept Head
  - Neuha001 – Research Associate Dean

- **IDC/ICR Policy:**
  - For all projects, over/under $100k, IDC (indirect costs) will follow the spending.
  - This means that (1) If there will be any spending in IonE we will not forego our IDC, and (2) If there is any spending in your unit, we will share the IDC accordingly.

- **Cost-Share Policy:**
  - Matching/cost-sharing must be a requirement of the RFP and/or sponsor, IonE will not volunteer a match, in-kind or cost-share. The exception being if the IonE staffer has discretionary, non-operational funding that they would like to use for this purpose.

For questions about any of the above information, or if we have not answered your questions, please contact us at ionegrnt@umn.edu or call us 612-626-1187.