

2026 Call for CCMR Facility Mini-Grants

Submission Deadline: Noon on Friday July 17, 2026.

Submission Format: Electronic only (see below)

Size of Awards: variable, \$1000 – \$5000

Start Date: Fall 2026 or as proposed.

Duration of Award: One year from start date, no extensions.

Application submitted by: Cornell faculty

The CCMR is soliciting applications for instrumentation seed funding. The goal of this program is to support Cornell researchers in:

- Generating preliminary data for new grant proposals
- Introducing faculty and postdoctoral researchers to CCMR instrumentation and capabilities
- Developing new CCMR facility capabilities
- Establishing new research projects that may lead to future CCMR facility use

Projects should require \$1000 to \$5000 of CCMR instrumentation use and/or staff time. Project duration not to exceed one year. We are allocating approximately \$20,000 to support selected projects. Funding will be awarded through a competitive review process according to the timeline below:

Friday July 17, 2026, noon	Applications due
August	Awards announced

Format for Applications

Mini-Grant application should consist of a **single pdf document** that contains the following items:

- 1) **1 page** of text, 1-inch margins, 11pt font or larger, must include:
 - a. Faculty or Postdoctoral Principal Investigator(s): name, department, and email
 - b. Project title
 - c. Project description answering **at least** one of the following questions:
 - i. Will the proposed work generate data necessary to support a new grant application? If so, identify the target funding opportunity.
 - ii. Will this project enable your group to become a new user of CCMR facilities?
 - iii. Does the proposed work explore CCMR instrumentation or techniques not previously used by your group?
 - iv. Is this project which may result in a new CCMR facility capability?
 - d. Other relevant information: anticipated project duration, metrics for success and possible impact(s), who will work on the project, etc.
- 2) **1 page** for supporting information:
 - a. Figures (optional)
 - b. Budget request (rough estimates fine, or base on FY27 instrument rates). If instrumentation is not known, please consult with CCMR facility staff to narrow down instrument possibilities. Total may not exceed \$5,000. All funds must be expended within one year of award. Budget can be used to pay for:
 - i. CCMR instrument time
 - ii. CCMR staff time or training time
 - iii. Materials and costs related to instrument development.
 - iv. Other related costs, describe

Review Process

Applications must be submitted electronically to ccmr-directors@cornell.edu by noon on Friday, July 17, 2026. The review committee will reply with any questions, with one week to respond. Accepted applications should be notified in August.