

GAP FAQs

How much money can I ask for in my proposal?

GAP grants are awarded from as little as \$5K to a maximum of \$50K. You should only ask for the amount you need to move your work to the point where it will have the best chance of being commercially viable. Remember, GAP is a competitive program with a limited funding amount each GAP competition.

What can I use GAP funding for?

GAP funding is specifically intended to be used by the PI to advance their work to a point where an outside entity (commercial, governmental) will have an interest in helping move the idea to a point where it will have commercial value. You may use the money for most purposes to achieve that goal.

Is there anything I cannot use GAP funding for?

You may not use GAP funding to pay the PI of the project. Also, GAP funding may not be used towards tuition for any members of the PI's extended team.

The implementation plan that is included in the GAP proposal asks for phases of the project. What does that refer to?

You should break your implantation plan into phases that cover the different aspects of your plan. You need to document 1) the time you anticipate each phase will take to complete, 2) the cost of each phase, 3) how the money for each phase will be used, and 4) the outcome of each phase. The GAP committee *may* decide to partially fund your proposal by phase. Therefore, you should plan each phase carefully to insure you have the needed resources and funding needed to complete that phase of the project. You should clearly state what constitutes a completion of each phase of your plan.

What are the guidelines for the PowerPoint Presentation given to the GAP committee?

The presentation needs to be at a high level stating what problem you intend to solve with your project and what commercial value your solution might have. This means you should focus your presentation on the *value of your solution*, rather than the science of your invention. The presentation needs stay within the required time allotment (10 minutes), so that significant thought should be given to preparation of each slide of the presentation to insure the maximum amount of knowledge transfer to the committee.