

Call for Proposals: Workshop Funding to Support Big Data Innovation

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The Northeast Big Data Innovation Hub (NEBDIH) builds multi-sector partnerships to address high-priority societal challenges with data-driven solutions. NEBDIH is pleased to provide support for workshops organized by our community that are designed to plan and develop projects including (but not limited to) future Big Data Spoke submissions. Workshop organizing committees are eligible for NEBDIH matching funds of up to \$10,000 per workshop and Microsoft Azure credits worth up to \$25,000, per proposal. This program will allow teams to more fully conceive data-driven projects aligning with the NEBDIH mission, and improve teams' chances of attracting funding to launch the projects by demonstrating existing community engagement and NEBDIH support.

The Northeast Big Data Innovation Hub's 2018 Summit will include an afternoon working session that will allow teams to self-organize on collaborative projects. Project teams emerging from these breakout sessions may direct any questions they may have about proposals in development to the Hub. This call is not restricted to participants from those breakouts.

Proposal Requirements

Organizing teams submitting a workshop proposal to NEBDIH are encouraged to develop multi-institutional, multisector proposals - ie, with members drawn from more than one institution across two or more of the following sectors: academia, government, non-profit, and industry.

The full proposal should be up to two pages long, and must include the following information:

- 1. Names, institutions, and titles of the members of the organizing committee, including a Project Lead to whose institution the funding will be issued upon award.
- 2. A summary of the need for this workshop.
- 3. A summary of the project idea which this workshop is intended to build on and its potential impacts.
- 4. A summary of outcomes from this workshop and how they will contribute to the project design.
- 5. Tentative date, length (eg, full day), and location of workshop.
- Anticipated number of participants (names may be provided if known).
- 7. Full workshop budget and budget justification, indicating the specific line items for which NEBDIH funding is requested.
- 8. The organizing committee must note their other funding sources for the proposed workshop, with a minimum of a one-to-one match of the requested NEBDIH funds.

Submit proposals (in PDF or Word) via: <u>bit.ly/NEBDIH-Workshop-Submissions</u> Deadline to submit is 11:59 pm on May 31st.

A limited pool of funding is available and funding decisions will be made on a rolling basis. Payment will be issued after the awardees submit an invoice for the workshop expenses. Please contact kathryn.naum@columbia.edu with any questions.