



TO: Andrew Mead, Postdoctoral Associate and Lecturer, Department of Biology  
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FROM: Brian Reed, Associate Provost for Teaching and Learning

RE: Engaged Practices Innovation (EPI) grant proposal: *BioFabLab: Workshop: Tapping the Maker Movement to Engage Life Science Students with Creativity, Innovation and Research*

DATE: October 30, 2015

CC: David Rosowsky, Provost and Senior Vice President

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On behalf of the Engaged Practices Innovation (EPI) Grant Proposal Review Team, thank you for your proposal entitled *BioFabLab: Workshop: Tapping the Maker Movement to Engage Life Science Students with Creativity, Innovation and Research*. The committee received a number of excellent proposals and I am delighted to inform you that your proposal was one of three that were selected for EPI funding. Your proposal will be funded in the requested amount of \$10,000. Congratulations! Please respond by November 15, 2015 to acknowledge your acceptance of the award.

The review team judged this to be a particularly innovative, creative project with excellent community outreach. The impact will be limited to only eight students in the pilot, but there is potential to involve many more in the future. We appreciated the fact there is a major external grant in the works to help sustain the project in the future, and we hope the EPI-funded pilot may help you to secure the external funding. The Committee's one concern was the focus on undecided first-year students. We thought it might be better to target second-year students where you could recruit well prepared students for whom this could be a truly transformational experience. We offer this as a suggestion, not a condition for funding.

As specified in the Request for Proposals, the budget for your grant will be administered through the PI's administrative unit (Department of Biology). The funds will be transferred on or before December 1, 2015. All funds must be spent within twelve months of that date (December 1, 2016). Please have your budget manager send the appropriate chartstring number to Kerry Castano [Kerry.castano@uvm.edu](mailto:Kerry.castano@uvm.edu).

A full report on the outcomes of your project will be due no later than June 1, 2017. The report may be no longer than 1,500 words (12 point font, double spaced), excluding cover page, and appended materials. The report must include:

- A review of the goals of the project
- A description of the outcomes
- An assessment of the impact of the project
- The current status of the project and future plans

Again, thank you for your high quality proposal and congratulations on the award. We are excited about the potential impact of your project on students and faculty alike.