

Instructions

1-slide quad chart (**download template on next slide**), and a 1–2-page white paper describing the need and your proposed program. The quad chart should present brief bullet responses within the **four headings**.

The white paper providing additional information (data, analysis, and arguments) in support of claims made in the 1-slide quad chart.

Read through the questions under ‘Review Criteria’ to ensure that your application addresses the areas that the reviewers will be examining.

- **Identified needs**
 - What is the unmet need or gap your program will address?
 - Why is it important / urgent to meet this need?
 - What are you proposing to meet this need?
 - Could the funding need be met by any other means (internal or external?)
- **Stakeholders**
 - Who will benefit from this program? Estimate size of stakeholder group who will leverage the program, disciplines engaged, etc.)
 - Who will be the program manager for the proposed program? Why are they qualified to serve in that role?
- **Alignment with State Investment Areas**
 - What existing areas of strength at UConn/UCH does this program engage/build upon?
 - How does this program align with
 - Areas that have been deprioritized on the federal level since 2025 (supported by data/argument).
 - CT State strategic priorities: bioscience, advanced manufacturing, quantum technologies, and health innovation.
 - Federal R&D priorities: See the administration's **FY28 Federal R&D Priorities memorandum.pdf**.
 - Areas of demonstrated, unmet, and urgent societal need (supported by data/argument).
- **Deliverables and Benefits**
 - What are the expected outcomes of this program that can be reported back to the State?
 - Examples of potential outcomes may include jobs preserved or extended, students impacted, communities/individuals impacted, dollars saved, economic impact generated, new interdisciplinary collaborations, increased UConn engagement with industry and local communities and strengthening of UConn research reputation/standing, etc.
 - What benefits or impact do you expect to follow from this program?
 - If applicable, how will this program increase UConn/UCH's competitiveness for other funding?

Program Manager (Faculty) Name:

Research area / Program Tagline:

Amount

Identified Need(s) A few bullet points about the need for the program / area. Be concise and use non-technical language - What is the unmet need or gap the program will address? - Why is it important / urgent? - What are you proposing? - What other means are there to meet this need?	Stakeholders - Describe the UConn / UCH community anticipated to be responsive to this proposed program (size, disciplines engaged, etc.) - Who will be Program manager? Why are they qualified to serve in that role?
Alignment with State Investment Priorities What existing areas of strength does this program build upon? How does this program align with: - Research areas deprioritized on the federal level - CT State Strategic Priorities - Federal R&D Priorities - Areas of demonstrated, unmet, and urgent societal need	Deliverables and Benefits A few bullet points about the deliverables of the program. Include relevant milestones or metrics: - What are the expected outcomes of this program? - What benefits or impact do you expect to follow from this program? - If applicable, how will this program UConn / UCH's competitiveness for other funding?