

## **TRIAD FAQs**

### **Who is eligible to participate?**

All full-time faculty may propose or join projects. Each faculty member may only participate in one TRIAD that is submitted.

### **What kind of projects can be proposed?**

Any project that is a new interdisciplinary research collaboration. The research team cannot be currently collaborating on a funded project.

### **Where does the funding come from?**

Team members are expected to contribute a third of their portion (i.e., \$6,667 or \$1,667); the remaining two thirds are provided by the respective department head and the VPR. A fourth member may join a team without funding.

### **What can I charge to the project?**

At least 50% of the funding has to be used for student or post-doc support. The rest can be used for what is typically charged to a grant, except for faculty salary. Tuition and indirect costs are waived.

### **Are there deliverables?**

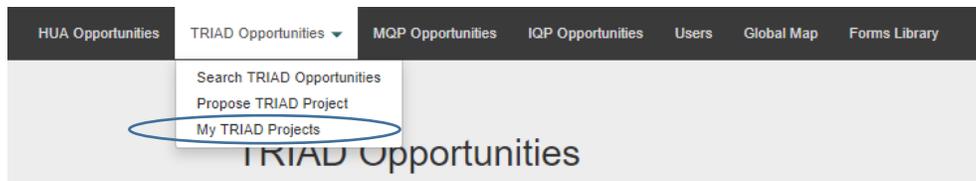
A brief final report is required for each project, and at least one member of the team must participate in the symposium. All teams are expected to submit a minimum of one proposal to an external funding agency and/or demonstrate progress toward the gold standard of scholarly excellence in their field.

### **How are winning projects selected?**

There is no peer review; instead a semi-random selection process is used, a process that ensures that funded projects meets the administrative requirements of the program and guarantees portfolio diversity.

### **How do I propose a TRIAD project?**

Create a new project from the TRIADS Opportunities tab on top of the e-Projects site.



This will open the following form:

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Add Seed Project" with a breadcrumb "Add group / Add Seed Project". The form includes the following fields and controls:

- Title**: A text input field.
- Description**: A large text area for the project description.
- Proposed Project Description**: A smaller text area below the main description.
- Project Status**: A dropdown menu currently set to "- None -".
- Proposed Cubed Funded Withdrawn**: A dropdown menu.
- TRIAD Size**: A dropdown menu currently set to "- None -".
- Project Poster Image**: A file upload field with a "Choose File" button and the text "No file chosen".
- Upload requirements**: A radio button that is selected.
- Academic Department**: A dropdown menu currently set to "- None -".
- Create Seed Project and become a member**: A dark button at the bottom of the form.

You will need to enter a title and a description of your project. Add keywords to your project description to make searching for projects easier for potentially collaborators.

Change the project status to “proposed”. Pick the size (\$15 or \$60k).

Add a picture. High quality and close to square pictures work best. Please note that you may have to wait a bit for the picture to load.

Then click on “Create Seed Project and become a member”. You will be automatically listed as the PI. If you later decide you want to join a different project, you can do so by removing yourself from the project or deleting the project.

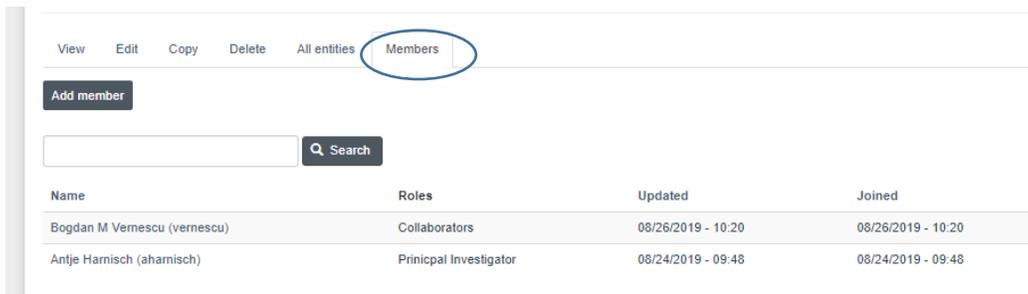
### How do I create a TRIAD?

You, as PI, need to find two partners. At least one needs to be from a different department. You can search for collaborators within the system. Each faculty profile has keywords that are searchable.

The screenshot shows a "Collaboration Search" interface. On the left, there is a search box containing the text "biotechnology". Below the search box are "Apply" and "Reset" buttons. On the right, two faculty profiles are displayed:

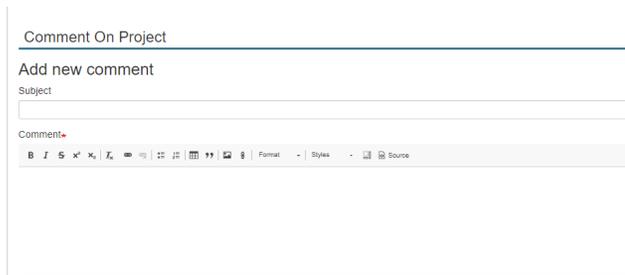
- Susan C Roberts**: Research Areas: Cellular and metabolic engineering, Plant specialized metabolism, Cell encapsulation technologies, Biotechnology. URL: <https://www.wpi.edu/people/faculty/sroberts>
- Jianyu Liang**: Research Areas: Nanomaterials; Li-ion batteries; Fuel cells; Nanobiotechnology. URL: <https://www.wpi.edu/people/faculty/jliang>

Once out have found colleagues to join your project, add them on the Members Screen.



### How do I join a TRIAD as collaborator?

If you want to join a project, you can search for projects within the system. The project descriptions are searchable. If interested in a project, such interest can be expressed on the project's site; it is also possible to comment. Alternatively, such communications can happen outside of the system.



### How are TRIADs finalized/submitted?

Collaborators can be interested in more than one project. PIs can also be interested in projects other than their own. There will be a deadline, though, before which everybody has to commit to be a member or PI of only one project. At that point the TRIAD is formed and the proposed project submitted. If you are the PI, you need to change the project status to "submitted". The deadline for formation of triads and proposal submission is October 21.

### Who do I contact with further questions?

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