

Ariadne Labs Spark Grant Program

Request for Proposals

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Ariadne Labs is pleased to announce the kick-off of the application process for the **Ariadne Labs Spark Grant Program for 2020 - 2021**. Ariadne Labs is committed to the pursuit of innovative healthcare solutions that improve patient care, and our Spark Grant program is an important generator of new program ideas and projects that enable expansion of our mission.

Ariadne Labs Spark Grants

The goal of the Ariadne Labs Spark Grant program is to support early-stage projects that are either designing new *interventions* or new *capacities* for solving major problems in healthcare delivery. Each grant project will be actively advised by the Ariadne Lab's Innovation experts, aligned with the methodology of the Ariadne Arc, and integrated into Ariadne Lab's multidisciplinary team approach. All Ariadne Labs Faculty and Associate Faculty are eligible for this grant.

Spark Grants may be up to one year with a *potential* for a second-round renewal (i.e. a maximum of two years of grant funding is possible). The maximum budget for the first year is \$100,000 of direct costs (plus 10% overhead). The application process consists of two rounds: letter of interest and full application). All ideas to improve health care delivery are welcome. Special attention will be given to applications focused on **surgery, medical care at home, rural health, and mental health**.

Application Process

Activity	Date
Letter of Interest Due	Monday, March 2nd at 5pm
Application Candidates Chosen	Monday, March 16th
Full Application Due	Friday, April 17th at 5pm
Final Phone Interview	Early May
Award Notification	Late May
Spark Grant Project Kickoff	Summer 2020

This application is a two part process. If you are interested and have a new intervention or capacity in mind, please submit a 1-2 page Letter of Interest, including preliminary budget number, to Ariadne Labs. The directions and template are below and **due by Monday March 2 at 5pm**. Please email all LOIs to sparkgrants@ariadnelabs.org. The Innovation Platform is available if you'd like to workshop ideas or have any questions.

LOIs will be reviewed by the Spark Grant Committee at Ariadne Labs. Candidates will then be invited by March 16th to submit a formal (5 page) application, including timeline, deliverables, and budget due Friday, April 17th at 5pm. Final selected candidates will be asked to participate in phone interviews to discuss their applications in early May before grants awarded in May. Spark Grant projects will kickoff in late-Summer or early-Fall of 2020.

Letter Of Interest

Directions:

Please use the template on the following page for your LOI to make our assessment easier. Please limit your LOI response to a total of one to two pages, anything beyond two pages will not be considered.

Submit the completed LOI, as well as any questions, to sparkgrants@ariadnelabs.org.

Spark grant Application criteria

Ariadne Labs Spark Grant applicants are assessed along four primary criteria. Please consider these criteria as you develop your Spark Grant application and participate in our selection process.

Project Clarity

- Identifiable problem and hypothesis on solution
- Clear sense of where to start
- Logical, high-level project plan
- Metrics to assess progress

Potential Impact

- Aligned with Ariadne Labs' mission
- Scale of patient population
- Near-term and long-term impact
- Potential for paradigm shift in patient care outcomes

Feasibility

- Degree of change needed to improve patient outcome
- Potential for stakeholder support
- Resources required for project
- Potential for additional funding

Leadership

- Depth of problem understanding
- Relevant skills and experience
- Ability to lead and manage project
- Alignment with Ariadne Labs' approach and community

Spark Grant LOI Template- March 2020

Project Title	
Proposed By	
Harvard School Affiliation	
Home Institution	

Problem: What is the major problem in healthcare delivery you plan to address (including patient population that will be affected)?

History: Please include a brief history of your work and how it informs the project you plan to accomplish at Ariadne Labs.

Objectives: How do you plan on using this grant from Ariadne Labs to support your work towards a new intervention or capacity aimed at solving the problem? What will be the final deliverable for the project?

Needs: Please include a preliminary idea of any staff or resources you will need and any that you already have, and an estimate of the total project budget. Please note Spark Grants can only cover salaries up to the NIH cap. (Ariadne Labs Innovation Platform is available to help estimate costs, email sparkgrants@ariadnelabs.org).

Risks/Challenges: What do you foresee as being the biggest obstacle(s) that could affect the outcome or adoption of your objectives?

Additional Information: Is there any additional information that we should know?

