

Industry Matching Program for PhD Research Support

Industry-related R&D projects provide invaluable experience to engineering PhD students. In order to encourage the funded participation of PhD students in UAB SOE grants and contracts from industry, the SOE will provide the following matching program for new projects funded prior to August 2023. To be eligible for the program you must be an SOE faculty member and be supporting an SOE PhD student.

The following financial matching is available.

- 9 months PhD support (\$39,000) will be matched with 3 months of SOE support (\$19,000)
- 24 months of PhD support (\$116,000) will be matched with 24 months of SOE support (\$116,000).

Application to Program

To apply for funding submit the following to ADR Mark Banaszak Holl (mmbanasz@uab.edu) and Deanna Smeltzer (dcsmeltz@uab.edu). Please meet or exceed deadlines for grant submission to SOE.

- Names/Position of SOE PI and industry technical contact
- Draft industry contract or grant
- Statement of Work for PhD student portion of project
- Name of existing PhD student or recruitment plan for new student

Review Process

First level review of proposed contract will be carried out by Deanna Smeltzer and the SOE pre-award team to ensure the contract meets SOE/UAB requirements.

Second level of review by ADR/Chair for appropriateness as PhD research topic. The work must be appropriate for inclusion in the research thesis.

Proposal will then be provided to the Dean for final approval.

Awards

SOE funding will be provided after final approval of the industry contract or grant. An account specifically titled to include "SOE Industry Match" should be created and the SOE award transferred into this account dedicated for support of the PhD student.

All awards are contingent on availability of SOE funds.

For questions related to the Industry Matching program, please email ADR Mark Banaszak Holl (mmbanasz@uab.edu).