

BACKGROUND

The Ball Venture Fund was created in 1999 to enable the Ball Brothers Foundation to take an active role in encouraging and supporting creative efforts at Indiana's independent colleges and universities. The program, administered by the Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI), provides seed money for innovative start-up programs at ICI member institutions. This year the Ball Venture Fund will award one or more grants; the maximum possible grant award will be \$25,000. Grantees are selected through a competitive proposal process.

THE BALL FOUNDATION VENTURE FUND

ELIGIBILITY

- All ICI member institutions are eligible to participate.
- Campuses are allowed to submit multiple proposals.
- Innovation and risk taking will be rewarded as the key elements for the 2012 awards.

HOW TO APPLY

- Complete and return all proposals electronically.
- Make sure your proposal is no more than five pages long, including the cover sheet.
- Provide background information on your institution: location, number of students and faculty, and related information.
- Define the program for which you seek funding, clearly stating its goals as measurable objectives.
- Provide a timeline for the program.
- Explain how you plan to evaluate the program and describe how success will be measured.
- Explain how other institutions or organizations could replicate the program.
- Include a budget, outlining how the funds will be used.

DUE DATE AND PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

All proposals must be received by April 10, 2012 and must be submitted via the internet. To submit your proposal electronically, visit www.icindiana.org/giving/bvf2012.asp. Please complete your cover sheet online and then attach your completed proposal in a standard Microsoft Word or similar format (Adobe PDF is acceptable).

Winners will be announced in May 2012. If you have any questions or need additional assistance, please contact Marcia Goodner at mgoodner@icindiana.org, 317.236.6090, ext. 226.

THE BALL VENTURE FUND COLLOQUIUM

Held every third year, Ball Venture Fund Colloquiums were convened in 2005, 2008, and 2011.



3135 North Meridian Street
Indianapolis, IN 46208-4717

317.236.6090
FAX 317.236.6086

www.icindiana.org

