The POGIL Project's SPUR⁺ FAQ

When Rick Moog was awarded the American Chemical Society's 2016 Pimentel Award for outstanding contributions to chemical education, he accepted the award on behalf of The POGIL Project and the entire POGIL community—noting that in true POGIL™ fashion, you can't do it alone. In honor of the Pimentel Award, and in celebration of the POGIL community and the power of people working together to bring about lasting change in education, The POGIL Project is introducing SPUR⁺.

The new POGIL SPUR⁺ is designed not only to promote new ideas, but also to *spur* collaboration between POGIL community members through small seed grants of up to $2500 for proposals that further the goals of The POGIL Project as described in its current strategic plan. The original SPUR grant program ran from 2007-2009 and funded 17 proposals, resulting in many significant and successful projects still in use today.

How many collaborators are required to apply for a SPUR+ grant?
• To be considered, each proposal must have at least two people as co-applicants. The co-applicants will also be the designated project leaders/key personnel (the project may also include additional key personnel who are not co-applicants or project leaders).

What are the eligibility requirements for co-applicants?
• Co-applicants must have participated in at least 6 hours of POGIL Project workshops (equivalent to one full-day POGIL workshop). Current members of The POGIL Project Steering Committee are not eligible to be either co-applicants or additional key personnel.

How much funding can we apply for?
• The maximum SPUR+ grant is $2500.

How do we apply for a SPUR+ Grant?
• Review the SPUR+ Official Grant Guidelines and visit the How to Apply webpage

What is the deadline for applications?
• Applications are due by **5 p.m. E.T. on October 2, 2017.**

When does the application period open?
• Applications will be accepted from August 1 through October 2, 2017.

When will decisions be made?
• By November 15, 2017. Decisions will be made by the POGIL Steering Committee

How many SPUR+ grants will be awarded in 2017?
• Up to two SPUR+ grants will be awarded in 2017. In future years, the number of SPUR grants offered will depend on available funding.

If selected for a SPUR+ grant, when should our project start?
- Start dates for projects will be between January 1, 2018, and July 1, 2018.

If selected for a SPUR+ grant, how long do we have to complete our project?
- Projects must be completed no more than two years after the project's start date

If selected for a SPUR+ grant, how are funds awarded?
- Funds will be distributed as reimbursements for expenses described on the approved proposal budget.

What are the requirements for projects that include research involving human subjects?
- IRB (Institutional Review Board) approval is required for the research component of funded SPUR+ projects involving human subjects (at the post-secondary level). IRB approval is not needed to apply for a SPUR+ grant, but will be required to start the project. If you are considering a project that is going to involve human subject research with minors, please contact the POGIL National office to discuss before applying for a SPUR+ grant.

What types of projects does SPUR+ fund?
- In addition to meaningful collaboration, priority will be given to projects likely to have a lasting impact and that demonstrate a strong connection to The POGIL Project and The POGIL Project's Strategic Plan. See below for examples of recipients of the original SPUR grants.

2016 SPUR Grant Recipients:
- Congratulations to Ashley Mahoney from Bethel University, and Rob Whitnell from Guilford College, for receiving the 2016 SPUR+ Grant for their proposal to develop lab activities: "SPIRAL: Strengthening the use of Process, Inquiry, Reflection and Application in the Laboratory."

Examples of Projects Funded by the Original SPUR Grant Program
The primary difference between SPUR and SPUR+ is the focus on collaboration, although, as you can see from the original SPUR funded projects below, working together is so often a natural part of the POGIL community's approach.
- **Activity Development Projects:** High School Biology Activity Book; POGIL Activities for Advanced Inorganic Chemistry; PGP - POGIL GOB Project; Creating a POGIL workbook for high school chemistry; POGIL Methods to Improve and Assess Concepts of the Mole.
- **Projects as Springboards to Successful Grant Funding:** POGIL-ENVY: POGIL Activities for Environmental Chemistry; POGIL-PCL.
- **Workshop and Professional Development Projects:** Inaugural Conference of POGIL Northwest Regional Network; SuperLab Workshop: Lab Workshop & Facilitators Training; Development of a peer coaching network.

Still have questions? Email Britton Miller in the POGIL National Office or call 717-358-4702.