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How are you using InfoReady today?

We use InfoReady for our fairly robust internal grant program which distributes \$500,000-\$600,00 each year for different research initiatives. We manage that program completely through InfoReady, from application to review to award. Initially we bought InfoReady to help with the internal grant program, but we now share the license with other departments at Lehigh, who use it for student awards, undergraduate and graduate processes, like fellowships, travel grants, and so forth.

How does InfoReady help?

We run a few different mechanisms to build research programs. We have grants for less than \$10,000, mid-level of \$30,000-\$60,000, and a \$100,000 grant for teams. When we're awarding the grants, the review committee is looking at things like 'what's the history of collaborative success of this team, how they've worked together before, is the idea solid? Is the budget sound? Have they talked about the potential applications that they could be putting out? Where do they want to go with this project if they get the funding?'

We ask explicitly in the application about their current and long-term plans for funding. It's not a requirement that they submit for external granting, but we have found that well thought-out long-term plans and a good team with a very strong, compelling case, tend to score higher on the reviews, and are more likely to be awarded.

When they complete the grant, we ask them to report (using Progress Reports) on what they've published, how they've disseminated the information, and any other works that they've produced beyond successful grant proposals. We look for papers and talks and other, depending on what their field is, like a book or something like that.

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