

ADM Institute Seed Research Funding

Progress Report (4/11-3/12)

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Please provide a brief response below.

1. Please provide a brief statement of the project accomplishments thus far.

So far the project has conducted the tasks described as follows. First the project sponsored a student panel in the summer of 2011, involving five graduate students each spending two to four weeks. The panel worked on a comprehensive review through literature review and meetings. The faculty group involved in the project met and discussed the major findings and provided feedback to students. Following the student panel's work, the faculty group identified research problems and developed a proposal for the ADM Institute in Dec. 2012. Moreover, the faculty members attended relevant meetings organized by the Institute and other agencies.

2. Has the project completed its objectives? Yes or No. If no, please describe the activities planned for the remainder of the project (4/12-3/13).

The project originally planned to organize a mini workshop to involving some invited potential collaborators from India and Brazil in order to specify research issues and identify collaboration. This has not been done yet and will be combined with the similar activities of the funded full project.

3. Please attach (or provide a URL to products electronically available) work products that has been completed.

The student panel resulted in a comprehensive literature review and was published at the website of the ADM institute. An article about the panel was prepared by ADM Institute staff with interview to the faculty and students, and it was also published by the Institute.