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RESEARCH ENVIRONMENT INITIATIVE

Pilot Award Program to Encourage Multi-departmental Research Activities

Purpose

The Dean's Office will provide seed money to fund a pilot project in the amount of up to \$50,000 for one year. Its purpose is to foster the development of meaningful collaborations among investigators in different departments (and/or colleges) leading to the submission of a large-scale multi-disciplinary/multi-department grant (that recovers a minimum of 20% indirect cost) in areas relevant to the mission of Human Ecology.

Highest priority will be given to those applications that bring together investigators from more than one department in the College of Human Ecology and that are oriented toward research areas that will enhance the mission and goals of the college. Proposals that include an extension component are encouraged. In addition, some preliminary data to support the premise that receipt of the award for one year will furnish sufficient additional data to apply for a large multi-investigator grant would be helpful, but is not required.

Grant Format

Applications must be 10 pages or less for the combination of the abstract, specific aims, significance, preliminary data, and experimental design. An abbreviated (e.g., 2-page NIH-style) CV and "*Other Support*" pages for all investigators are required. An abbreviated budget and justification (1 page) as to how the proposed award will be spent is also required. In addition, the Principal Investigator must provide a general outline of the intended multi-investigator application that will be submitted externally following completion of the funding cycle.

Application Review Process

An external review committee, chaired by Dr. Kay Obendorf, Senior Associate Dean for Research, will rank the applications for funding priority.

Application Deadline/Start Date

<i>Application Deadline</i>	<i>Start Date for Funding</i>
May 1, 2008	July 1, 2008

Program Project Submission

An electronic copy (to HE_Research@cornell.edu) and one paper copy (to 182 MVR) of the application should be submitted to the Human Ecology Research Office.

It is expected that any Principal Investigator who receives funding via this initiative, will submit a large-scale multi-investigator proposal within 18-24 months following the awarding of funds. Failure to submit such an application within that time limit will make the investigator ineligible for consideration of future funding via this mechanism.

For More Information

If you have any questions please contact Dr. Kay Obendorf, Senior Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education, by telephone at 607-255-4519, or by email at sko3.