

Grape RCN Stipend Application

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Deadline: September 1, 2009

Project Year: October, 2009 – August 31, 2010

Printed Name of **Graduate Student** or **Postdoctoral Associate**

University/College Name

Major Field of Study

Telephone Number:

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Mailing Address:

City:

Zip Code:

Country:

Are you a US citizen? Yes or No.

Printed Name of Faculty Advisor

University/College/Institution Name

Telephone Number:

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City:

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Printed Name of Host Advisor

University/College/Institution Name

Telephone Number:

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Mailing Address:

City:

Zip Code:

Country:

Faculty Advisor Signature:

I agree to assist this **graduate student/postdoctoral associate** in accordance with the established research policy of the host university or institution.

Signature – Faculty Advisor

Date

Host Advisor Signature:

I agree to assist this **graduate student/postdoctoral associate** in accordance with the established research policy of the university or institution.

Signature – Host Advisor

Date

I agree to complete the proposed study under the guidance of my advisors.

Signature – **Graduate Student** or **Postdoctoral Associate**

Date

Background Information

Stipends are provided by the NSF grant entitled “**RCN: An International Research and Educational Collaboration For Grape Functional Genomics**”. The objectives of this grant are:

1) to coordinate grape functional genomic research among U.S. grape researchers and

2) to interact and coordinate U.S. research with international initiatives by:

1. Facilitating the development of non-redundant functional genomic resources in grape to improve production efficiency and quality (e.g. transgenic technology, molecular profiling, enhancer trap and gene disruption technologies, SNP collections, bioinformatics and germplasm resources) through scientific exchange and dialog.

2. Establishing institutional collaborations and partnerships among American, French, Italian, South African, Canadian, Spanish, Australian and other international institutes including exchanges of scientists (post-doctoral associates) and students between institutes for research and education, and attendance at international and virtual conferences and workshops that are focused on the networking activities and grape functional genomics.

Applicants should bear in mind these objectives when preparing a proposal for the stipend.

Eligibility Requirements

The **graduate student** or **postdoctoral associate** applicant must be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident of the U.S. or must be an international graduate student or postdoctoral associate that will visit and conduct research in a U.S. laboratory at a U.S. institution. The applicant must go to another institute for the research proposed in the application (it fosters collaborations between institutes); US institutions receive a higher priority than foreign institutions, but foreign institutions are acceptable. If the applicant is foreign, they cannot propose to conduct research in their country of citizenship. For example, a German postdoc at a US university, cannot propose to go to Germany for their research or training. However, US citizens and foreigners are eligible to conduct research in other US institutions other than their home institution in the US.

Research topics must directly relate to Grape Functional Genomics. Some examples are listed in objective 2.1 above.

Research Stipend Application

Stipends are designed to encourage interactions between research groups at different institutions in the USA or internationally. Stipends can be used for travel, lodging, meals or research supplies. Approximately ten stipends (approximately \$7000 each) will be awarded this year. Each stipend is awarded for the year of the award only (September to September). Awardees must reapply in subsequent years for additional awards. Priority will go to persons who have not received an award previously. Stipend amount will depend on the number of applications and need. Stipend applications will be reviewed by the Grape RCN steering committee.

The project description (three-page maximum) must include the following:

1. Abstract (1-2 paragraphs)
2. Purpose of the research study. This is one of the most if not the most important part of the proposal. Why is this research activity or collaboration necessary? Why is it so important to go to this Institute? What is unique about this proposal? (You must justify your actions, we are not funding vacations.)
3. Research methodologies and procedures
4. Expected outcomes (How will this award impact positively on the research goals?)
5. Anticipated completion date

In addition to the three-page project description, the applicant should provide a one- page budget page, one-page budget justification and one-page time schedule for the project.

Please submit the proposal as a Microsoft Word document: 12 pt font, single line spacing, 1" margins.

Grantee Requirements

The applicant is expected to attend and present a poster at the 2nd Annual Grape RCN conference to be held in near the beginning of August, 2010 in Geneva, NY and to complete and submit an electronic final research project report to Grant Cramer, Chair of the RCN steering committee within two months of the completion of the scheduled project. Funding for attendance to the annual conference should be included in the project budget. Failure to provide a report as required will make the participant ineligible for any future awards.