Call for Proposals for Graduate Research Assistantships

6 Month Awards Beginning on January 1st, 2008

Due Oct 9, 2007

Graduate Research Assistantship (GRA)

UVM faculty members from the CSYS Core may apply for these 6 month GRAs. The students will work on the watershed database modeling or another collaborative project with the following stipulations: There must be two advisors, with the primary advisor being a member of the CSYS Core group. The second advisor can come from among the CSYS Core members or from the Science Leadership of the larger VT EPSCoR funded research group.

- The GRAs are for support of Graduate students doing Research associated with the watershed database modeling or another CSYS collaborative project beginning in January 2008.
- Application forms are on the VT EPSCoR web site and a checklist is given below.
- Application deadline is Oct. 9, 2007 by 4pm
- Graduate Research Assistantships are $15,000 for six months of support. Students pay non-research course tuition and healthcare insurance and fees from their assistantship funds.
- The student’s advisors must apply, not the student.
- The GRAs can be renewed through a competitive proposal process that will be announced in Spring 2008.

Application Review

- A committee of faculty members from UVM will be convened to review these and other GRA applications and make their recommendations to the VT EPSCoR PD.
- Notification of the outcomes of the applications should be available by Nov. 1, 2007.

Checklist for Faculty Applications for Graduate Student Assistantship

SUBMIT ON THE VT EPSCoR WEBSITE BY Oct. 9, 2007:

Application cover page must be filled in online, and printed out from the VT EPSCoR website at http://www.uvm.edu/EPSCoR and signed by the faculty member and chair or
School Director. (Chairs/directors must have adequate notice for scheduling GTAs in their departments.) Signed cover page must be delivered to the VT EPSCoR office by 4:00 p.m. on Oct. 9, 2007.

Provide the following in your application:
A. An explanation of how the student will contribute to the watershed database modeling or a collaborative project (among the CSYS Core members or between a CSYS Core member and one or more Science Leaders. In this latter case, the project must be computational with the CSYS Core member as the primary advisor.)
B. A description of how will the student be mentored. (Please provide a short mentoring plan.)
C. A biographical sketch of graduate student (2 pages max for each biosketch)
D. The student’s current transcript (scanned version)

**Funding Obligations:**

- If awarded Graduate Research Assistantship support, the graduate student is expected to attend the VT EPSCoR Annual Meetings through the term of the EPSCoR grant period. The graduate student is expected to present his/her research at each meeting.
- Award funds for the 6 month Graduate Research Assistantship must be expended by June 30, 2008 and the funding should begin Jan. 1, 2008.
- Graduate student recipients must make arrangements with the Graduate College for a schedule of tuition payments since the assistantship includes funds for tuition.
- Graduate students will be required to take a Scientific Integrity course (e.g. Bio 381) if they have not done so already.
- The graduate student must respond to the VT EPSCoR annual survey and the Annual Progress Report as requested.
- Annual reporting of progress, updates and follow-on funding to the EPSCoR office through 7/31/2012.

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Deliver Cover Page (with signatures) to the VT EPSCoR office by 4:00 p.m. on Oct. 9, 2007:

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