

Call for Proposals for Graduate Student Assistantships

3 Semesters Beginning in January 2006

Due October 10, 2005

Please note that research in Genetics is NOT required to be eligible for these awards.

The Vermont Genetics Network (VGN) is supported by an NIH IDeA Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE) Grant. The VGN is a collaboration among the University of Vermont, Castleton State College, Johnson State College, Middlebury College, St. Michael's College and Norwich University to develop science infrastructure and also the careers and training of faculty and students in science. Information on how you can participate in this program is listed below. You may also visit our web site at www.uvm.edu/~biology/vgn for more information about our activities.

Graduate Student Assistantship (GSA)

UVM faculty members, who work in the biomedical sciences, are encouraged to apply for the following:

- Support for Graduate Student Assistantship beginning in January 2006
- Application forms are on our web site and a checklist is given below
- Application **deadline is October 10, 2005**
- Graduate Student Assistantships are approximately \$45,000 for three semesters of support – January 1, 2006 – May 31, 2007 (Students pay tuition from their assistantship funds)
- There will be 5 Graduate Student Assistantships awarded to begin in Spring Semester 2006. (There will be another round of applications for year long GSA's that begin in June, 2008)
- The student's advisor must apply

Eligibility Requirements

- UVM faculty members who are full-time tenure track and work in biomedical sciences
- Early career faculty will be given first priority
- For Graduate Student Assistantships, more senior students will be given priority, PhD students will be given high priority over MS students

Application Review

- A committee of faculty members from UVM will review the applications and make their recommendations to the VGN Steering Committee
- Notification of the outcomes of the applications should be available by October 24, 2005

Funding Obligations:

- If awarded Graduate Student Assistantship support, your attendance is expected at the Annual VGN Retreats in August, 2006 and 2007.
 - You will be expected to provide a report at the end of the Graduate Student Assistantship detailing your research progress.
 - Award funds for Graduate Student Assistantship **must** be expended by May 31, 2007 and the funding should begin in January, 2006.
 - Faculty recipients of the Graduate Student Assistantships for their students will also be expected to submit a **research grant application to a federal agency by January 2007.**
 - Graduate student recipients must make arrangements with the Graduate College for a schedule of tuition payments since the assistantship includes funds for tuition.
 - All participants will be expected to be part of our mentoring activities for undergraduates across the state.
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Checklist for Faculty Applications for Graduate Student Assistantship

- ✓ Application Cover Page
- ✓ Abstract
- ✓ Research Project Description (2-3 pages)
- ✓ Describe in some detail the faculty member's research
- ✓ Address future research directions for your research and potential for extra mural funding
- ✓ Be sure to make clear where the graduate student assistant will contribute
- ✓ Curriculum Vitae for both faculty member and student
- ✓ Current and Pending Funding
- ✓ Signatures of Applicant and Chair on cover page

Application Submission:

SUBMIT ON THE VGN WEBSITE BY OCTOBER 10, 2005 (www.uvm.edu/~biology/vgn/prop.html)

Deliver Cover Page (with signatures) to the VGN office by October 10, 2005:

Vermont Genetics Network
University of Vermont
216 Marsh Life Science Building

Questions?

Call **(802) 656-4087**

Check the web at www.uvm.edu/~biology/vgn

Or E-mail to Vermont.GeneticsNetwork@uvm.edu