

Call for Proposals for Pilot Project Support for Faculty at Baccalaureate Colleges in the VGN

Beginning in Fall 2005

Application due by web submission on October 7, 2005

Cover Page hard copy (with signatures) due by fax on October 10, 2005

Please note that research in Genetics is NOT required to be eligible for these awards, but researcher must potentially inform biomedical science.

The Vermont Genetics Network (VGN) is supported by a five year, 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, Norwich University and St. Michael's College 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 www.uvm.edu/~biology/vgn for more information about our activities.

Pilot Project Support

Castleton State College, Johnson State College, Middlebury College, Norwich University and St. Michael's College faculty are encouraged to apply for the following:

- For Pilot Project support, award funds will begin by October 31, 2005 and **must** be expended by May 31, 2006.
- Applications must be submitted on our application website, which you can access beginning September 14, 2005 at www.uvm.edu/~biology/vgn/prop.html.
- Web application deadline is October 7, 2005; Cover Page with signatures must be faxed by October 10, 2005.
- You may request up to \$25,000 in Pilot Project support.
- There will be 4 Pilot Project research awards made for 2005-06.
- The funds can be used for salary for release time, supplies or small equipment, and use of the funds must be outlined and justified as part of the application.

Eligibility Requirements

- Faculty members who are full-time tenure track at Castleton State College, Johnson State College, Middlebury College, Norwich University or St. Michael's College.

- Disciplines include biology, psychology, and chemistry; also mathematics, computer science, and physics if the work ultimately informs biomedical science.
- If you have not complied with reporting and grant submission requirements for previous VGN awards, you will not be considered for funding.

Application Review

- A committee of faculty members from the four year institutions 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.

Obligations That Will Come With Funding

- If awarded Pilot Project support your attendance is expected at the 5th Annual VGN Retreat in August of 2006. In addition, you are required to present your research at the Retreat by either a PowerPoint presentation or a poster presentation.
- Award funds will begin by October 31, 2005 and ***must*** be expended by May 31, 2006.
- You will be expected to provide a report by July 15, 2006 detailing your research progress, roles of undergraduates (if appropriate) and the impact of your research on undergraduate science education.
- You will also be expected to submit a ***research grant application to a federal or comparable extramural agency by June 1, 2007.***
- You will be expected to complete an annual VGN survey.

Checklist for Faculty Applications for Pilot Project Support

SUBMIT ON THE VGN WEBSITE BY OCTOBER 7, 2005:

- Application cover page with 3 signatures (can be printed out from the VGN website at www.uvm.edu/~biology/vgn/prop.html) must arrive by fax no later than **October 10, 2005**. Fax to (802) 656-0242.
- Abstract (200 words)
- Budget (1 page) and Justification (1 page)
- Research Project Description
 - ✓ Larger context of work done by the PI or others on the research topic (1 page) (work can be a new direction or continuation of ongoing research)
 - ✓ Specific Aims (0.5 page)
 - ✓ Plans to address specific aims (3 pages)
 - ✓ How work will directly or indirectly inform biomedical research if not in the areas of Biology, Chemistry or Psychology
 - ✓ Time line (0.5 page)
 - ✓ Literature Cited
- Curriculum Vitae (2 pages)
- Current and Pending Funding

Application Deadlines:

Beginning September 14, 2005, you can access the application site on our VGN website to submit your application online (www.uvm.edu/~biology/vgn/prop.html) by clicking on the Faculty Pilot Project application link.

Your application must be submitted on the VGN website by 4 pm on October 7, 2005.

Fax the signed cover sheet (with signatures) by 4 pm on **October 10, 2005** to:

Vermont Genetics Network
University of Vermont
(802) 656-0242

Questions?

Call **(802) 656-4087**

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

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