

ANNOUNCEMENT
School of Integrative Biology

FRANCIS M. AND HARLIE M. CLARK RESEARCH SUPPORT GRANTS

DEADLINE: 5 PM, FEBRUARY 15, 2008

The School of Integrative Biology announces competition for the Francis M. and Harlie M. Clark Research Support Grants for 2008. These grants are funded by a gift from Dr. and Mrs. Clark and are awarded in recognition of outstanding achievement in the biological sciences by graduate students. In recent years, grants have been awarded primarily for expenses relating to presentation of papers at international and national meetings, short specialty courses offered off campus, and conducting research or making collections away from campus.

ELIGIBILITY: Graduate students majoring in a program of study sponsored by the School of Integrative Biology are eligible to apply. Applicants must have completed or be nearing completion of a significant field, laboratory, or library research project. Applicants must provide evidence for outstanding academic achievement in the biological sciences.

ALLOWABLE EXPENSES: One or more grants may be made to help defray expenses incurred the following summer while pursuing studies in a biological sciences field. Legitimate expenses include payment of tuition, fees, and housing costs incurred while participating in a summer course at an appropriate biological station or similar facility; payment of research-related expenses and housing costs incurred while learning research techniques in a laboratory at another university; payment of travel, registration, and housing costs incurred in relation to participation in a scientific meeting; and payment of costs of supplies required for completion of research at the University of Illinois. Requests for routine research supply costs will be given low priority. Grants may not be used to defray ordinary living expenses while attending the University of Illinois, to defray expenses related to meeting requirements for a graduate degree at another university, or for purposes unrelated to academic activities in the biological sciences. Applicants should plan to make use of funds awarded in this competition by September 1, 2008. Moderate extensions may be requested in special circumstances.

GRANT AMOUNTS: The IB Fellowship Committee may choose to make two or more grants of lesser amounts to fund or partially fund more than one application. Applicants are urged to trim their requests to the minimum to permit maximum utilization of available funds.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES: The applicant, with the help of his/her advisor, is responsible for gathering and assembling information required on the application form below. Incomplete applications will **not** be considered. Submit completed application to: Chairperson, IB Fellowship Committee, 286 Morrill Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS: Grant recipients will be announced no later than March 21, 2008

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Name: _____

Department or Program: _____

Enclosures:

1. Application form
2. Student Curriculum Vitae
3. Graduate GPA: _____
4. Three letters of recommendation written specifically for this application. One letter must be from the applicant's research advisor. It must state the need for the funds and the proposed project, and that the project is tied to the student's research project carried out for the student's degree.
5. Summary of research accomplished—the summary should not exceed three double-spaced typewritten pages, and should not be in a font less than 12-point.
6. Project proposal—not more than two double-spaced pages.
7. Detailed budget (including current and pending funding from other sources).
8. Letter of agreement from host investigator or laboratory supervisor if the applicant intends to perform research in a laboratory at another university.

Submit **original plus 5 copies** (6 complete packets) to: Chairperson, IB Fellowship Committee, 286 Morrill Hall.

NOTES:

- The applicant with the help of his/her advisor is responsible for gathering and assembling all of the above material.
- The advisor must sign at the bottom of this page before the application will be accepted.
- Incomplete applications will *not* be considered.
- A student may *not* receive both a Clark Research Support Grant and a Clark Summer Grant in the same year.

Research Advisor's Signature: _____