

Call for Proposals for Mini-Grants for Use of UVM Facilities for Faculty at UVM and Baccalaureate Colleges in the VGN

Due October 15, 2003

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

The Vermont Genetics Network (VGN) is supported by a three year, NIH Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network Grant. The VGN is a collaboration among the University of Vermont, 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 www.uvm.edu/~biology/vgn for more information about our activities.

For a separate solicitation for UVM faculty for Mini-Grants for Use of UVM Facilities, visit the EPSCoR website at www.uvm.edu/EPSCoR.

Mini-Grants for Use of Facilities

Faculty members are encouraged to apply for the following:

- Mini-Grant for Use of UVM Facilities
- Application forms are on our web site and a checklist is given below
- Application deadline is October 15, 2003
- There is no set amount for the Mini-Grants, but we expect grants to average about \$3,000
- Use of the new Microarray Facility will be given priority

Eligibility Requirements

- UVM biomedical faculty members
- Faculty in Vermont baccalaureate institutions in disciplines including biology, psychology, and chemistry; also in mathematics, computer science, and physics if the work ultimately informs biomedical science (a statement clarifying this relationship to biomedical science is required in the application)

Application Review

- Committees of faculty members from UVM and Vermont colleges will review the applications and make their recommendations to the VGN Steering Committee
- Notification of the outcomes of the applications should be available by November 14, 2003.

Obligations That Will Come With Funding

- If awarded a Mini-Grant for Use of Facilities your attendance is expected at the 3rd Annual VGN Retreat which will be held in August of 2004.
- If awarded a Mini-Grant you will be expected to provide a report at the end of the summer detailing your research progress, roles of undergraduates (if

appropriate) and the impact of your research on undergraduate science education.

- All participants will be expected to be part of our mentoring activities for undergraduates and faculty across the state.
- You will be expected to complete an annual VGN survey.
- All funds must be expended by June 30, 2004.

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Checklist for Mini-Grants for Use of UVM Facilities:

- ✓ Application cover page
- ✓ Research Project Description (2 pages)
 - Include in Project Description how the UVM facility will help accomplish this research
 - Address how the research informs biomedical research if working in the disciplines of mathematics, computer science, physics
- ✓ Budget for facility use (1 page)
- ✓ Curriculum Vitae
- ✓ Current and Pending funding
- ✓ Plans for future funding
- ✓ Signatures of Applicant and Chair on cover page

Submission by 2 Alternatives

1) Mail or Deliver to:

Vermont Genetics Network
University of Vermont
120A Marsh Life Science Bldg.
Burlington, VT 05405

2) Email an attachment in *Word* document format to Vermont.GeneticsNetwork@uvm.edu. If you choose to email your application, **electronic signatures must be included on the cover page and a signed hard copy of the cover page must arrive by mail within 1 week of October 15, 2003.**

Either choice must arrive in the VGN office by 4 pm on October 15, 2003

Questions?

Call (802) 656-4087

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

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