

Biosecurity Research Institute Transitional Minigrant Program

Request for Proposals

Purpose

This RFP provides funding for investigators who are seeking to transition mature research programs into areas appropriate for use of BRI facilities. The BRI will house laboratory space within a BSL-3 containment envelope, and will have facilities amenable to basic molecular biology/genetics, plant biology research, studies on infectious diseases, and work involving food safety and security. It is anticipated that the Transitional Minigrant Program will result in the preparation and submission of grant proposals to agencies such as NIH NIAID for work within the BRI.

Scope

The Transitional Minigrant Program will support awards ranging from \$50,000 - \$75,000 in direct costs. Since KSU discretionary funds are supporting this program, we anticipate that a majority of the funds will be utilized at KSU. However, we realize that the transition of mature programs to research suitable for the BRI may require access to BSL-3 laboratory space elsewhere before the BRI becomes operational. Thus, travel for such purposes would be allowed.

Application Process

Applications will be routed through the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, and OSRP personnel will interface with the Office of PreAward Services for this program. Institutional signatures will only be required for selected, funded proposals. Likewise, all appropriate compliance assurances must be in place at the time of funding.

Applications must include:

- A title page.
- A summary of 1 page or less.
- A narrative of 5 pages or less outlining the project, describing its significance, and documenting how the outcomes will result in a fundable program appropriate for the BRI.
- Budget and budget justification, using any standard format (NIH, NSF, USDA, etc)
- Two page biosketch for each PI and CoPI
- Current/pending extramural support for each PI and CoPI

Applications must be received by Monday, October 31, 2005. It is anticipated that funding could begin as early as December 1, 2005. Applications will be reviewed by a panel having both KSU and external members.

Send 5 hard copies and one electronic copy of the application to:

Transitional Minigrants Program
Office of Research and Sponsored Programs
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Manhattan, KS 66502