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Graduate Student and Post-Doctoral Fellowship

Program Guidelines

Introduction:

Graduate students and post-doctoral fellows are at the heart of vibrant and active research groups. Their work is vital to the productivity and success of research labs in PEI and across the country. This human resource pool is critical to successful research and development programs and requires additional support beyond the federal level.

The Innovation PEI Graduate and Post-Doctoral Fellowship program is designed to support and develop highly skilled researchers' in the strategic sectors of bioscience, information technology, aerospace and renewable energy. This support allows them to gain research experience in industry while undertaking their graduate or post-doctoral programs.

Graduate and PhD students are eligible to receive \$20,000 per year to support graduate level research projects in the PEI priority sectors. Graduate students who have already attained a professional degree (M.D., DVM) will receive the post-doctoral funding equivalent.

Post-Doctoral Fellows are eligible to receive \$40,000 per year which will support doctorate level research projects on PEI in one of the priority sectors.

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Eligible Proponents:

Applicants must:

- Demonstrate the capacity to conduct the proposed research.
- Clearly articulate the research plan and the commercialization potential stemming from project results.
- Confirm an employment partnership with an industry organization located in Prince Edward Island.

Eligible Projects:

Proposed Projects must:

- Fit clearly within one of the priority sectors; bioscience, information technology, aerospace or renewable energy.
- Include a research plan that identifies expected outcomes and deliverables.
- Have strong commercialization potential.
- Disclose and address use of intellectual or material property protected by copyright or patents as well as any ethical considerations resulting from the project.
- Disclose partnerships with Island corporations relevant to the proposed project.

Other Considerations for Eligibility:

- Applicants/Supervisors who have received previous Provincial government funding are eligible, however, you may be asked to provide documentation that clearly segments ongoing research projects from the Graduate/Fellowship project.
- Applicants in arrears with the PEI Lending Agency, Innovation PEI or any other Government Department or Crown Corporation will be disqualified from the competition.

Project Assessment:

Proposed projects for the GSPDF will be evaluated against a clear set of program criteria using only information contained in the submitted application. Every application will be evaluated by a peer review committee consisting of representatives from government agencies, crown corporations and academic institutions. The peer review committee will determine the successful applicants.

The applications will be evaluated based on the qualifications of the graduate or fellow and the proposed supervisor and research team. If a student or fellow has not been identified, then the application will be evaluated based on the qualifications and skill sets of the required researcher that fits the role described.

If a supervisor is successful in attaining funding under this program they will have a period of four months from the notification of success to recruit the graduate student or fellow. Once an individual has been identified, the supervisor is required to submit a bio and CV for the individual to be evaluated against the original application. A letter of acceptance from UPEI will also be required.

Level of Assistance:

Graduate and PhD students are eligible to receive \$20,000 per year. Master's studentships are renewable for up to two years and PhD studentships are renewable for up to three years. Graduate students who have already attained a professional degree (M.D., DVM) will receive the post-doctoral funding equivalent.

Post-Doctoral Fellows are eligible to receive \$40,000 per year to support their doctorate level research project. This funding is renewable for up to two years.

Letters of Offer outlining the terms for each individual award will be issued to the governing institute or corporation. All correspondence will be directed through the primary research contact at the institute. Funding will be provided directly to the academic institution or the host industry partner. The institution/partner will be responsible to provide the salary payments to the recipient.

Performance Monitoring:

For each approved project, a letter of offer stating the terms and conditions of approval will be forwarded to the applicant or corporate contact. When accepted, the letter of offer shall constitute a contract between government and the applicant(s).

Should the project fail to comply with the terms and conditions of the contract or be discontinued, government may, at its sole discretion:

- Declare the applicant to be in non-performance (default) of the contract.
- Request the applicant to repay in full the incentive received.
- Take necessary legal action to collect the incentive amount in full with interest.

Intake Deadline:

The intake deadline for full applications will be **July 2nd, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.** Applications will not be accepted after the due date and extensions will not be considered.

For More Information:

Applications and instructions are available online at www.islandprosperity.com or can be obtained by contacting our office.

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