

# “Seed” Grant Announcement

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“Seed” grants are available for research projects in the Galapagos Islands. Our goal is to promote research by UNC faculty in the Galapagos archipelago of Ecuador as part of a pan-university Galapagos Initiative and the newly formed Center for Galapagos Studies.

Applications are welcome from faculty throughout the university. The deadline for submission is **March 23, 2009**. “Seed” Grants of **up to \$6,500** will be awarded to support the development of research proposals to outside funding agencies within one year. Each proposal for seed funds will be evaluated by a faculty committee based on (1) the quality of the proposed project, (2) development of a strategy for securing external funding, and (3) record of scholarly achievement of the faculty member(s), given the career stage of the applicant(s).

The proposal should include (1) a cover sheet including a title as well as names and departments of faculty involved; (2) a brief description of the project, including the approach/methods, expected outcomes, a research timeline, a plan for developing a research proposal for outside funding, and a proposal development time-line; (3) a budget, including a justification and description of any matching funds or resources from the PIs home department or other sources (NOTE that matching funds are not necessary for a successful seed grant application); and (4) CVs for all faculty who are involved in the seed grant application.

As part of the Center for Galapagos Studies committing “seed” funds to a faculty member or a group of faculty members, it is expected that a proposal for outside funding be submitted through the Center for Galapagos Studies. Any work undertaken using funds from this “seed” grant that involves human subjects must obtain IRB approval, and research using any vertebrate animal requires prior IACUC permit approval.

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