

Graduate student applicants sought for training grant

**Graduate Student Applicants** are solicited for a training grant awarded to Penn State University by the NIH, NAID for the study of “Animal Models of Inflammation”. This award under the leadership of PIs Dr. Pamela Hankey and Dr. Mary Kennett includes faculty members associated with graduate programs of the Huck Institute of the Life Sciences and several interdepartmental and departmental programs across the colleges of Agriculture, Health and Human Development and Science. Graduate student Ph.D. applicants at University Park are invited to apply for one of three or possibly four positions expected to be awarded beginning in the Fall semester 2012. The awards are for three years. Applicants must be carrying out inflammation-related research that involves mammalian animal models. They must have passed their candidacy exam and have at least two years of research remaining before anticipated completion of the PhD. They must also be willing to take a course in animal models which is offered in modules on several Fridays and spread out over two years. They are also required to take the Annual Short Course on Medical and Experimental Genetics offered for two weeks in the summer at Jackson Laboratory. In addition to providing stipend and tuition, this prestigious award provides funds to attend one national/international meeting and one local/regional meeting and covers costs associated with the courses. Applicants are asked to provide a one page CV, a copy of their graduate transcript, GRE scores and a description (three page maximum including references) of their research progress and future plans. “Future plans” should include a brief description of their career goals beyond the Ph.D. A letter must also be provided by their research mentor. All of the materials must be submitted as one PDF. Two of the awards are reserved for US citizen; the others may be awarded to US citizens or non-citizens. Please submit applications to the selection committee in care of Dr. Andrea M. Mastro ([a36@psu.edu](mailto:a36@psu.edu)). Application deadline is July 16, 2012. Selections will be made by August 16, 2012.