

**APPLICATION FOR PREDOCTORAL NIEHS FELLOWSHIP
TRAINING PROGRAM IN ENDOCRINE, DEVELOPMENTAL AND REPRODUCTIVE
TOXICOLOGY**

GUIDELINES FOR SELECTION OF TRAINEES

The purpose of this fellowship opportunity is to provide stipends for outstanding students with keen intellectual interests in endocrine, developmental and reproductive toxicology. Students enrolled (or accepted into) a PhD program and sponsored by FACULTY PRECEPTORS with the Training Grant in Endocrine, Developmental and Reproductive Toxicology are eligible to apply. Students must also be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States. Fellowships will consist of stipends in the amount of \$20,772 for a 12 month period and a travel allowance of \$300, beginning August 16, 2009. A second year of funding will be awarded contingent on adequate progress in the graduate program and available funding.

The applications will be due by 5:00 p.m. on March 6, 2009 and decisions will be made by April 1, 2009. Applicants should have **career and research interests that involve** endocrine, developmental or reproductive toxicology. Each application must include all items listed under number 3 below. **Incomplete application packages cannot be considered.** Please read the directions carefully.

1. Applications must be complete, and be received at the Department of Veterinary Biosciences (MC-002), 2001 S. Lincoln Avenue, Urbana, IL 61802) by 5:00 pm on March 6, 2009.
2. Applications must be accompanied by a letter from a UIUC faculty member who is presently a preceptor on the Training Grant in Endocrine, Developmental and Reproductive Toxicology. This letter should state that the faculty member sponsors the applicant for the fellowship.
3. Each application must include all of the following:
 - a) A career goal statement that clearly identifies the linkage to endocrine, developmental or reproductive toxicology. Limit this to no more than ½ page, single-spaced typed.

A research plan that clearly identifies the linkage to endocrine, developmental and reproductive toxicology. Limit this to no more than two single-spaced typed pages.

- b) Copies of all transcripts

Three letters of recommendation (your primary advisor and two other professional references). Each letter should comment on the student's intellectual ability, capacity for original thought, aptitude for research, dependability and integrity, and demonstrated interest in endocrine, developmental and reproductive toxicology.

- c) A completed Application Form (attached).

Applicants will be judged on several points:

- 1) Strength of scholastic record
- 2) Career goal statement and its linkage to endocrine, developmental and reproductive toxicology
- 3) Research plan and its linkage to endocrine, developmental and reproductive toxicology
- 4) Recommendation by faculty preceptor
- 5) Other reference letters
- 6) Availability of research funding

A review committee of faculty from the Training Grant in Endocrine, Developmental and Reproductive Toxicology will screen the applications.

Complete applications should be mailed or emailed to:

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(To be completed by the applicant in consultation with the Sponsoring Faculty Member)

(Please type or print in black ink.)

1. Complete Legal Name:
2. University Identification Number (UIN):
3. Which academic year are you applying?
4. Campus Address:
5. Telephone Numbers:

 Land line:
 Office/work number:
 Cell phone:
6. Department in which you will receive your degree:
7. Your Sponsoring Faculty Member (Training Grant preceptor):
8. List Scholarships, Prizes, Honors or other recognition
9. List the names, titles, institutions, and addresses of two persons who will submit letters of reference in your behalf (not including your faculty sponsor).

Past Education:

School/University	Degrees	(Major/s & Minors)	Dates (to/from)	GPA

Test Scores (each College may have different requirements; provide other scores in your CV):**GRE (General education):**

Verbal:	Score	Percentile
Quantitative:	Score	Percentile
Analytical:	Score	Percentile

GRE (Subject)

Subject:	Score	Percentile
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GRE Writing Assessment:	Score
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