

Request for Proposals

Louisiana Mosquito Control Association Operational Research Fund

Proposal Due:

- **May 15th of each year**

Amount and Number of Awards:

- Up to \$ 5,000 each
- Total amount to be awarded: to be determined annually. If funds remain after the first round, another RFP may be issued.

Goal:

- Focus will be on supporting graduate student, post-graduate and full-time faculty researchers or fellows in mosquito biology research. These grants may provide seed money to researchers in building databases for the next level of research and/or to allow grantees to use data to encourage collaboration and leverage further research. Projects are generally completed within 1 – 2 years of funding.
- Special attention is given to projects that are developing solutions to an identified vector-borne disease or mosquito control problem or need to Louisiana. Preference will be given to projects that contribute DIRECTLY to an improved public health climate as well as have a Direct Value to mosquito control operations in Louisiana.

Eligible Applicants:

- These grants are limited to Louisiana-based researchers involved in mosquito biology and control. Applicants are limited to graduate, post-graduate and full-time faculty researchers who are conducting research as part of their degree program or to assist not for profit groups or organizations. Partnerships with government agencies, community-based organizations and universities are encouraged. Faculty at both graduate and undergraduate institutions is eligible for this cycle of grants.
- The supporting university or organization must have the accounting mechanisms to handle the funds and accountability reports. An authorized signature from the supporting institution assuring support will be a requirement for eligibility.
- LMCA would like to encourage less established researchers. Thus, preference will be given to proposals that are written and conducted by graduate or post-doctoral students.

Proposal:

- Must use the 2 cover pages
- The cover/title page will be a standard format provided by LMCA to include project title, summary amount of request, an abstract statement of 100 words or less, and an authorized approval signature of the sponsoring organization or institution.
- The narrative must have no more than three pages typed
- Introduction and Background
- Rationale and approach
- Methods including quality assurance and quality control where appropriate
- Expected outcomes and estimated completion date of research for this grant and estimated completion date of entire project if different than grant completion date.
- Possible impact of findings and implications for Louisiana
- Dissemination of findings
- The Budget:
- Proposal must include a budget page that is no more than one page in length.
- Any extra documentation sent other than the aforementioned requirements
 - Will not be included with the proposal information for rating. This includes recommendations, references, other work etc.

Final Report/ Dissemination:

Dissemination of findings will include a formal presentation on the research at the LMCA annual meeting. A final report should be sent to the Chair of the Research Committee.

1. Research accomplishments
2. Any problems?
3. Any deviations?
4. If any reports, thesis or papers were published related to the research.
5. Any additional research or funding that occurred because of the grant.
6. If additional time is needed to complete the project.
7. An abstract of up to 250 words describing the results of the project.

A copy of any thesis or publications should be provided to LMCA if related to the funded research.

Funding / Budget Requirements:

- No part of the award may be used to pay indirect costs to the applicant's university or affiliated organization. All grant funds must be expended to support the proposed investigation. Supplies and equipment purchased shall become the property of the institution or organization. Award checks will go to the institution or organization sponsoring the applicant's research.
- The budget page will include total estimated cost of the project, the amount requested from LMCA with specific budget categories for those funds, as well as sources of other funding, if applicable. An accountability report will be required for all funded grants to include findings and accounting of expenditures as per the budget categories of the grant. Excess funds of over \$ 100.00 are to be returned to the LMCA. Excess funds can be carried over as an extension of the grant period after an extension approval. More time may be allowed but not more funds for the initial grant research.

Communications:

- The two pages Grant Proposal form must be filled out completely.
- The applicant is required to mail the two page form along with the proposal and budget to:

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