

INSTRUCTIONS FOR 2008 MDIBL NEW INVESTIGATOR AWARDS

Awards are available to support research at the Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory. The purpose of the awards is to bring investigators at all levels of professional development to the unique research facilities of MDIBL. The awards are designed to support research for a period of from one to four months and may be renewable for up to three years. Preference is given to applicants who bring a novel research problem that utilizes marine species and who are interested in considering a long-term commitment to MDIBL.

The awards are supported by private foundations and donations to MDIBL. **In addition, pilot project funding is available from the NIEHS supported Center for Comparative Toxicology.** The amounts of individual awards vary, but are generally between \$2,000 and \$8,000 and are designed to defray the extra expense of research at MDIBL, i.e. laboratory rental and fees, and housing for the principal investigator and associates. (See also description of awards from the Salisbury Cove Research Fund, below.)

Applications will be evaluated on the basis of the scientific merit of the research, the extent to which the research makes use of the facilities at MDIBL, and the potential of the applicant for a long-term commitment to the scientific program of MDIBL.

Application Procedure: Applicants should complete the **online** application forms for research space and housing. **Note: Space is now in high demand so that flexibility regarding the time spent at MDIBL should be clearly indicated.**

Please include all of the applicable items listed on the NIA Checklist on the next page. Most awards are made for laboratory rental, surcharges, housing, facility user fees, and animals. Meals and travel are generally not covered by NIA awards.

All current research support, including pending and planned support must be listed. Include a statement describing all funding that is available to support research at MDIBL. All application package material (as noted on the NIA checklist) must be received in the MDIBL Office by **January 15, 2008**. Award decisions will be made by March 1, 2008.

THE SALISBURY COVE RESEARCH FUND (SCRF)

The Salisbury Cove Research Fund supports investigators at MDIBL carrying out work in marine animal physiology, cell biology, pharmacology and molecular biology. SCRF awards in particular are focused on applicants with the ability to attract external funding based on SCRF supported work, and to eventually make a long term commitment to MDIBL. Awards are administered as described in the MDIBL New Investigator Awards Program. The amount of the award varies. A few awards are sufficient to defray all laboratory expenses and may include an amount for supplies and, in some cases, a stipend in lieu of summer salary. If a stipend is requested, a detailed justification should be included that specifies the applicant's current full time salary, all sources of salary support, and the reasons for requesting stipend support.

NEW INVESTIGATOR AWARD (NIA) Instructions – 2008

Please use the following check list to be sure all supporting material accompanies your application.

- Complete **ONLINE** application form for laboratory space.
- Submit **one document** within online application (pdf or word file) including a summary of proposed research (4 page maximum including references), a current CV, a proposed budget, and for second or third year awardees all abstracts submitted to the MDIBL Bulletin. **For second or third year New Investigator Awardees, peer-reviewed publications generated from research conducted at the Laboratory should be clearly marked on your CV with an asterisk. To develop your budget please see the budget instruction form attached to this document.**
- Returning New Investigator Awardees should send to MDIBL at science_apps@mdibl.org the following supplemental items

A pdf file via email (or send two hard copies via snail-mail) of each reprint of MDIBL research **published in refereed journals** in the past year. A written report of last season's research at the Laboratory must be sent if you do not submit MDIBL Bulletin abstracts within the online application as described above;

If applying for a second NIA send:

A one page pdf or word file research funding plan, including a list of planned grant submissions;

If applying for a third NIA send:

A one page pdf or word file research funding plan, demonstrating substantial progress towards independent funding; substantial progress towards independent funding includes federal grant submissions with positive review or study section review, as well as significant preliminary data and a track record of relevant publications.

- For 1st Time investigators send via regular mail a completed and signed Animal Care and Use Form (IACUC Veterinary Information Sheet. Investigators using Invertebrate species please use the Invertebrate information form. (<http://www.mdibl.org/docs>)
- Pet Application (please fill out online form), if applicable (deposit required following notification of award and assignment of on-campus housing).

**- DUE DATE FOR APPLICATIONS -
January 15, 2008**

Note: Please do not FAX applications