Call for Applications: ISES Small Grants

ISES seeks to foster research on environmental topics that fits within one of its four thematic foci (Natural Systems, Food and Water, Human Health and Well-Being, Equity and Governance). In this call, the Institute is interested in supporting projects of limited scope and duration, including but not limited to feasibility studies, field research of limited duration, archival research, or preliminary work for grant proposal development. Projects supported by small grants should have a clear outcome; small grants are not intended to provide support for ongoing research activities that are unlikely to produce a publication, grant proposal, or other outcome in the short term.

Eligibility

Faculty Fellows of ISES are eligible to serve as PIs on small grants. Regular Faculty may self-nominate or be nominated as Fellows at any time (email Amanda.Lynch@brown.edu for information on self-nominating and on rights and responsibilities). Other faculty or postdoctoral fellows (and others) may participate in the project, but cannot serve as PIs.

Budget

Small grants have a maximum budget of $30,000. Funds may be spent on travel, salary for students or research assistants, supplies, or any other university-approved expense with the exception of regular faculty salary (academic year or summer). Supplemental funds may be available to support salary of faculty in soft money positions; please email Leah.VanWey@brown.edu for information as early in preparing your proposal as possible.

How to Apply

**Deadline: September 30**

Applicants should submit a brief (3 page maximum) proposal describing their proposed project, documenting relevant past or current work, describing the expected outcomes, and specifying what new activities will be supported through this grant that are not currently being funded by other sources. A detailed budget and timeline should be included with the proposal. Awards should be spent by the end of the 2015-2016 fiscal year, with at least one reportable outcome by the end of the current fiscal year (June 30, 2015).

Review of applications

Applications will be reviewed by a committee of ISES Faculty Fellows within 15 days of the application deadline. Applicants will be notified soon thereafter, and funds will be available immediately.

Questions: please contact Leah VanWey (Leah.VanWey@brown.edu)