

Hatch and McIntire-Stennis Project Information

Hatch funding is open to faculty members in CALS and SOHE. Faculty from other colleges and universities may be collaborators on a project but the proposal must document that the needed expertise does not exist within CALS or SOHE and an appropriate matching commitment of resources is evident. Proposals should reflect external funding sources, if applicable.

Investigators may submit proposals for individual investigator Hatch grants and multiple investigator interdisciplinary Hatch grants. Investigators may not be the PI on more than one individual project.

As in the past, the Hatch competition will continue to support a wide range of research. However, as a result of USDA's new 2010 National Priorities, each proposal **MUST** be strongly linked to one or more of the Five National Priorities (see pg. 10 and 11). **Proposals not addressing one or more of the Five National Priorities will not be accepted for review.** Graduate training is central to use of formula funding and exceptions for other staff use of funds will not be considered. Each proposal is judged on relevance of proposed research to formula funding priorities, quality of the science, and likelihood of successful achievement of proposed objectives.

Interdisciplinary proposals with multiple investigators will be considered in the open competition subject to the following considerations:

- Research work proposed must be high quality
- There must be a special emphasis on problem solving for Wisconsin
- Realistic budgets must be provided (although these may be larger than individual investigator projects)
- Proposals should provide separate budgets for each investigator, with explicit division of work to be done by each team member. A composite budget should also be entered on the budget form.
- Evidence that the interdisciplinary team has worked together on the proposal, including signatures of all involved. Include a section detailing how the team will function, and identify mechanisms for joint coordination.
- Plans to link the research to extension, outreach, or teaching activities should be clearly indicated.
- Demonstrate evidence of productivity from past and present formula funding for all collaborators.
- Typically, interdisciplinary projects are for a two-year term.

Types of support that may be requested

An important CALS objective is to support graduate student training. Each project should include support for one 50% graduate student and a small supply budget. Most awards will be in the range of \$40,000 to \$45,000/yr. Alternative staffing requests (e.g. post-docs, specialists) will not be considered. In order to maximize the number of projects we can support, budget categories for supplies, travel for the collection of research data, and labor should not exceed a combined total of \$4,000 per year. In order to create a pool of funds for tuition remission, a minimum of 5% of a faculty's effort/salary, up to a maximum of 10%, should be included in the proposal per year. Please be aware that the effort you indicate within the proposal will be payrolled (salary) effort on the project for all PIs and Co-PIs.

Please be aware that if your proposal is approved for funding, this approval does not necessarily approve the budget as requested. Funding levels are approved a few months prior to the start of the project and are contingent on federal funding availability and allowability (OMB Circulars, CALS Policies and Procedures, etc.) on Formula Grants. Requested items and/or funding categories are subject to disallowance.

Proposals related to official multistate projects (see list at NIMSS website – <http://www.nimss.umd.edu/>) are particularly encouraged. Proposals should relate the Wisconsin component to the overall project objectives and state the project number (or proposed project temporary number). Given the funding mandates of the Hatch program that require 25% or more of our portfolio to be made up of multistate projects, these proposals will receive additional consideration for funding as well as travel to the multistate annual meetings. If approved by the CALS review panel, these projects will be on the WI funding list even if the regional approval of the project does not occur when associated with a temporary number.