

CeZAP ID IGEP Graduate Student Mini-Grant Competition

The Infectious Diseases (ID) Interdisciplinary Graduate Education Program (IGEP), a Center for Emerging, Zoonotic, and Arthropod-borne Pathogens (CeZAP)-affiliated graduate student program, is offering grants to support graduate student research and travel.

Deadline to submit proposals: Friday, 18 November 2022 at 5:00 PM EST

Overview:

The ID IGEP will provide small grant awards (up to \$5,000) to graduate students to support research projects, which can include research-related costs such as reagents, animal work, small equipment, summer I salary and/or travel. Travel can include travel to a conference, training event, or a collaborating laboratory. All funds must be spent prior to the end of the fiscal year in June 2023 (bills submitted by the end of May). The student applicant must be mentored by a faculty member who is an affiliated member of CeZAP. To determine your eligibility, please see this list of CeZAP-affiliated faculty (<https://infectiousdisease.fralinlifesci.vt.edu/People.html>).

Application materials:

The complete 3-page application package must be submitted as a single PDF by the above-designated deadline to Sarah Gouger (sgouger@vt.edu), and a complete application will consist of:

-Research/Travel Plan – 1.5 page: Description of research topic, hypotheses (if applicable), overview of conference, skills to be learned in collaborating laboratory. As guidance, this page should be used similar to a Specific Aims or Project Summary document.

-Budget, Budget Justification, and detailed Plan for Funds – 0.5 page: Provide the specific dollar amounts that will be used for the proposed work/travel; justification for each fund allocation; and a plan and timeline for the use of the funds. Regarding the timeline, please be aware that all funds must be used during fiscal 2023 as described above.

-Applicant's Background – 0.5 page: Describe the Applicant's background, current position, and any other information that the Applicant deems pertinent to convey the merit of the application. The applicant's current and future involvement in and contributions to the ID IGEP should be described.

-Mentor's Statement – 0.5 page: Describe the Mentor's background, current position, and any other information that the Mentor deems pertinent to convey the merit of the application. The PI's current and future involvement in and contributions to the ID IGEP should be described.

Application specifics:

-12-point Arial font

-1-inch margins

-For each page limit described above, this includes all text, figures, tables, and references. No supplemental information or additional documents are allowed.

-Any applications not adhering to the guidelines will be administratively rejected.

Questions can be addressed to Igor Sharakhov (igor@vt.edu).