



GENERAL INFORMATION ON GRANTS PROGRAMS

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INTRODUCTION

The North Carolina Biotechnology Center is a private, non-profit corporation funded mainly by the North Carolina General Assembly.

The Center's mission is to provide long-term economic benefit to North Carolina through support of biotechnology research, development and commercialization statewide. The Center's many grant programs are important to the implementation of that mission.

This brochure introduces these grant programs, lists general guidelines, and provides information on how to apply.

Three Center programs providing financial assistance for economic development are not grants and accordingly are not described in this publication. Information on these loan programs — the Business Development Award Program, Small Business Research Award Program, and the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Matching Fund Program — is available from the Center's Business and Technology Development staff or in the publication *Information on Economic Development Financial Assistance Programs*, available from the Center.

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GENERAL GUIDELINES

General guidelines for all grant programs are given below.

For guidelines and restrictions specific to a particular program, see the complete Application Package for that program. Contact the Center to receive the Application Package for any program, or download available applications from the Center's Web site.

General Guidelines:

1. Proposed programs or activities must clearly relate to biotechnology research, development, commercialization, education or training. However, no specific fixed definition of biotechnology is proposed due to the complex and dynamic nature of this technology.
2. Funding priority will be given to proposals requesting support for new and innovative programs or activities that clearly further the Center's mission.
3. Awards will be made to North Carolina academic institutions, non-profit organizations or businesses. Awards are not made to individuals.
4. In general, the Center does not expect to support projects or activities on a continuing basis. Grants are made for a specific term, generally not to exceed one year. It is the Center's intent and expectation that its funding will lead to future funding by other sources.

5. Funding limits have been established for some programs and for certain categories of support. These limits are given in the Application Package for each program.
6. If upon initial staff review a proposed project or activity is found to be inconsistent with program guidelines or the Center's mission, the proposal will be returned to the applicant without further consideration.
7. For programs with submission deadlines, any proposal received after the deadline will not be reviewed and the applicant will be notified in writing.
8. Proposals submitted by fax will not be accepted.

Items generally not funded by Center Grants:

- Overhead or indirect costs
 - Patenting costs
 - New building construction or renovations
9. All research supported with Center funds shall be performed in accordance with established University policies and procedures, including, but not limited to policies and procedures applicable to research involving human subjects, laboratory animals, hazardous agents and materials.

EVALUATION

Specific evaluation criteria and procedures are described in the Application Package for each program.

In general:

1. A preliminary review will be completed by Center staff to determine if a proposal is related to biotechnology and consistent with the program's guidelines and the Center's mission.

If a proposal does not satisfy these conditions, it will be returned to the applicant with an explanation.

2. Proposals meeting the above conditions will be evaluated under guidelines established for each program.

3. Broad evaluation criteria common to all proposals include:
 - Scientific, business or educational merit.
 - Potential for furthering the development of biotechnology, for yielding practical or commercial benefits and for strengthening North Carolina's biotechnology community and capabilities.
 - Likely benefits to North Carolina.
 - Justification of the need for Center funding.
 - Appropriateness of the budget.
 - For projects continuing past Center funding, assurance that continuation funding is available or likely to be obtained from other sources.