

APPLICATIONS FOR SUPPORT OF STUDENT REGISTRATIONS AND EXHIBITS AT ABRCMS 2010

SC EPSCoR/IDeA Solicitation Number: 10-102

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Submission of Applications: Monday, March 15, 2010 in the South Carolina EPSCoR/IDeA Office

Program Information

The Tenth Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS) will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina November 10-13, 2010. ABRCMS is the largest, professional conference for students of biomedical and behavioral studies, typically attracting 1,500 undergraduate students, 300 graduate students and postdoctoral scientists and 1,000 faculty and administrators. The conference offers opportunities to recruit underrepresented minority students who are pursuing advanced training in the biomedical and behavioral sciences, and provides faculty advisors with resources for facilitating students' success. More than 280 representatives from graduate programs at top-ranked national and regional US colleges and universities, as well as federal research agencies and foundations, exhibit at ABRCMS to share information about graduate school and summer internship opportunities. For a full list of 2009 exhibitors, visit <http://www.abrcms.org/2009Exhibitors.html>.

Through this solicitation, the South Carolina EPSCoR/IDeA program aims to: 1) provide opportunities for the recruitment of underrepresented faculty members, postdoctoral fellows and graduate students to South Carolina's institutions and 2) increase the pipeline of minority students matriculating into STEM graduate programs. The SC EPSCoR/IDeA program is offering funds to support exhibits and registration fees for students to attend 2010 ABRCMS (<http://www.abrcms.org>).

According to the ABRCMS website, a recruitment team ideally includes at least three individuals:

- *Graduate Dean/Admissions Director* – Deans and admissions directors provide general information about the institution and pertinent deadlines including program requirements for summer programs and the graduate school application process.
- *Graduate Students* – Graduate students share candid information about personal experiences, particularly courses, advisers, mentor selection, campus environment, social life, and networking opportunities.
- *Research Faculty and/or Postdocs* – Faculty members and/or postdocs share information about research projects, career pathways, professional development opportunities, and general discipline information.

Eligibility and Application Process

Institutions currently participating in the 2009 SC NSF EPSCoR RII Track-1 award are eligible to apply for student travel support to ABRCMS under this solicitation. These include Claflin University, Clemson University, Furman University, the Medical University of South Carolina, South Carolina State University, the University of South Carolina, the University of South Carolina Beaufort, and Voorhees College. Eligible institutions that have graduate programs in the biomedical or behavioral sciences can request support for an exhibition booth. **Only one application from each eligible institution will be accepted in response to this solicitation.**

Applicants must submit the following: 1) Application Form (Appendix A) and 2) Budget Page and Budget Justification (Appendix B). Proposals must be submitted as a single PDF file to the South Carolina EPSCoR/IDeA Program via email to lee.snelgrove@scra.org.

Budget

An institution may request support for registration fees for a maximum of two students (\$400 each for undergraduate students/\$450 each for graduate students). An institution may request support for an exhibit table in the main exhibits program and/or the postdoctoral recruitment fair. The following table outlines the exhibition costs that can be supported by this solicitation.

	Main Exhibits Program	Postdoctoral Recruitment Fair
Booth Fees	\$1,800 (price includes one conference registration)	\$350 (with purchase of booth in main exhibit hall) \$1,250 (without purchase of booth in main exhibits program, price includes one conference registration)

Examples of possible requests:

- A) \$1,800 for a booth in the main exhibits program, \$350 for a booth in the postdoctoral recruitment fair, \$400 for a undergraduate student and \$450 for a graduate student, total request: \$3,000.
- B) \$1,250 for a booth in the postdoctoral recruitment fair, \$400 each for two undergraduate students, total request: \$2,050.

Travel and per diem costs are not supported under this solicitation. Indirect costs are not allowed. All awards will be cost-reimbursable, and are governed by the federal cost principles for educational institutions (OMB Circular A-21). Awardees should ensure that costs claimed are allowable and reasonable.

Award and Reporting Requirements

Primary Contacts will receive notice of award/declination via e-mail.

Award recipients are required to provide the SC EPSCoR/IDeA State Office with information for evaluation and reporting purposes. Surveys will be sent to both student and exhibitor attendees following the conference.

Contact Information

General inquiries regarding this program should be made to:

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South Carolina Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research and Institutional Development Awards

2010 ABRCMS – Student Registrations and Exhibit Fees

Application Form
 Due March 15, 2010

Primary Contact Information:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Person Attending Conference (if different than above, exhibitors only): _____

Institution: _____

Division/Department: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Total Amount Requested: _____

By signing and submitting this application, the signatories are certifying that the institution and the proposed activities are in compliance with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations (including but not limited to, the required certifications set forth in: (1) NSF Financial and Administrative Terms and Conditions (FATC) dated June 1, 2007; (2) NSF Proposal and Award Policies and Procedure Guide (NSF 09-1); (3) Executive Order 12549 entitled "Debarment and Suspension" and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace; and (4) All Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination (these include but are not limited to: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1683, and 1685- 1686), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. § 794), and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 6101-6107). Funding of this application does not supplant other forms of direct support for the proposed activities.

Signature of Primary Contact

Date

Signature of Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs

Date

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Budget and Budget Justification

Due March 15, 2010

Budget Item	Amount
Students (<i>maximum of two students</i>)	
Number of Undergraduate Students (\$400 each): _____	_____
Number of Graduate Students (\$450 each): _____	_____
Exhibits (<i>one per institution, includes a single exhibitor registration</i>)	
Main Exhibits Program (\$1,800): <input type="checkbox"/>	
with Postdoctoral Recruitment Fair (\$350): <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
or	
Postdoctoral Recruitment Fair Only (\$1,250): <input type="checkbox"/>	
Total Requested:	_____

Budget Justification

Describe the selection process for the students to be supported to attend ABRCMS:

Describe the institution's exhibitor plan (programs to be advertised, recruitment strategies, etc):