Mink Research Partnership

Call for Grant Applications

Deadline 10th February 2017

Dear Applicant,

The Mink Research Partnership (MRP) is pleased to announce that applications for mink industry related grants will be accepted. All proposals that address the MRP Research Priority Areas may be subjected to technical refereeing before moving to final assessment by the MRP. The MRP will choose which applications should be approved for funding and the decision is final and without recourse for appeal.

Funding offers will be made to successful applicants following the MRP board meetings throughout the year.

The MRP mandate is to provide ongoing funding support for research projects that focus on the needs of the mink industry in North America. It is important that you clearly indicate how your project will contribute towards the needs of the North America Mink Industry, how the MRP funds will be leveraged from other sources to maximize project impact and how the research outcomes will be communicated to the industry. The maximum grant being offered is $ 100,000 yearly and the availability of these large grants is limited. If this grant application is a matching funds request, a complete research project description of the proposed project, must accompany the request.

The quality of the application, clarity with which it describes the method, budget justification and articulation of the relevance of the work to industry is paramount. Please pay particular attention to ensuring that these sections of the application are completed clearly and accurately.

Applications will only be considered where:

1) Projects have principal investigators who are familiar with the mink industry and conduct studies under standard care for the proposed study.
2) Projects contribute to a potential for economic benefit to the farmed mink industry in North America.
3) The research is not duplicating work being undertaken elsewhere.

Thank you for your interest in applying to the MRP for research funding. Please forward this application information to colleagues who may also be interested. Grant Application Instructions accompany the Research Grant Application.

Sincerely,

Dr. David Gray

Chair MRP Committee

Grant Application Instructions

PROJECT SUBMISSION

Project leaders are invited to submit applications 10th February 2017. Applications should be written in plain English and provide sufficient information to allow someone unfamiliar with the research to understand the procedures. An accessible contact person must be listed as the review process may involve communication between the scientist and members of the Mink Research Partnership.

Please submit electronic copies of the application to

Electronic copies of the application form are attached and should be submitted to sara.murphy@dal.ca

GUIDE TO COMPLETING APPLICATION

Note 1. Problem Statement and Background: A clear and concise statement of why the proposed research is considered necessary and timely. Where applicable include references to comparable research (literature review). If other work on this subject is being undertaken your application must show how your project will add value to that work. **This section must be completed adequately for the application to be considered.**

Note 2. Budget: Explain clearly how the funs requested from the MRP will be used to leverage other funds and the expected time frame for approval form other sources.

Note 3: Economic Impact: Explain the likely economic impact this project will bring or conversely what is the economic disadvantage of our present state of knowledge that this project addresses. If there is no economic benefit, explain why and how the information that will be generated from this project will keep the future industry competitive. **Be specific.**

Note 4: Dissemination: Provide a clear and detailed description of the proposed methodology for disseminating project outcomes to the industry and if appropriate knowledge transfer.

Note 5: Reporting Timetable: The following is required in the reporting timetable:

- Date for project start
- Date for interim progress report
- Date for project completion and final report and summary

PROJECT EVALUATION

All projects will be subjected to technical refereeing before undergoing a final assessment by the MRP. The MRP will decide which applications should be approved for funding. Their decision is final and without recourse for appeal. Successful applicants will be notified within 3 months of the MRP receiving the request.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

There will need to be negotiated Intellectual Property arrangement between your academic institution and the Mink Industrial partners before any funds can be released. This will be conducted with successful applicants as quickly as possible upon being informed of the partnerships decision.

REPORTS

Both the interim and final reports and summary should be submitted to the MRP. An electronic copy along with a signed original copy should be submitted. Final reports will be distributed to the MRP and others within the North American mink industry as determined appropriate by the MRP.

As an adjunct to the final report it is a requirement that you include a summary report of approximately one page, the purpose of which is to be sent out to industry, posted on our web site, and/or included in industry newsletters. The industry report should be written in layman's language. Graphs, charts and other visual aids may be included to facilitate understanding of content. By accepting funding the applicant agrees to allow summary publication.

POSTERS

By accepting funding, the applicant agrees to produce a poster when and if requested to do so by the MRP. The poster should display project results and will be used to showcase mink research at public events for the mink industry.

INCOMPLETE PROPOSALS WILL BE REJECTED

AT THE BOTTOM OF THE BUDGET PAGE PLEASE INCLUDE 2 POTENTIAL REFEREES FOR YOUR APPLICATION. PLEASE NOTIFY THE RESEARCH COMMITTEE IF THERE ARE ANY INDIVIDUALS YOU PREFER NOT TO REVIEW YOUR APPLICATION