

HUCE Funding Opportunity for All Harvard Faculty Members

The Harvard University Center for the Environment (HUCE) awards faculty research grants to support preliminary explorations of environmental issues that show promise for further scholarship. The awards are intended to seed the most exciting and innovative projects that could not be tackled without support from the Center. Since 2003, the Center has awarded 26 faculty research grants worth a total of \$800,000.

The awards are available through a competition open to all Harvard faculty members, regardless of any past affiliation with the Center. A portion of the funding will be reserved for faculty members who have not done prior environmental research. The Center has budgeted \$200,000 for AY 2008 awards and expects the average award to be about \$25,000 per faculty member. There is no limit to the size of an individual proposal, although smaller requests are encouraged as they will allow the Center to support a broader diversity of projects.

In order to provide faculty members with as much flexibility as possible, the Center will accept proposals twice this academic year. Deadlines are: **October 26, 2007** and **March 17, 2008**. The Center will announce awards within two months after each deadline.

Selection Criteria

All successful proposals must address significant environmental problems. The primary selection criteria will be the importance and innovativeness of the proposed work. Risky projects that might be difficult to fund through federal agencies or private foundations are particularly encouraged.

Interdisciplinary proposals are encouraged as some of the most exciting environmental research involves several disciplines. However, proposed work within a single discipline is also encouraged if it represents a significant departure from previously funded research. Proposals may involve collaborations between two or more faculty members, but this is not a requirement.

To Apply

Faculty members should submit:

1. A cover sheet that identifies the principal investigator and his/her contact information (department, address, phone number and email), title of the proposal, research partners and their contact information, and amount of funding requested.
2. A three-page proposal (12-point type, including illustrations) addressing the following:
 - Purpose, goals, objectives and duration of the proposed research;
 - What is innovative about the proposed research and what makes it less likely to receive funding from traditional sources; and
 - Potential future sources of funding for the proposed research.
3. A one-page budget and justification. In general, the awards cannot be used to support faculty salaries.
4. Curriculum vitae (2 pages) for each participating faculty member.
5. A brief list of current support from all sources including federal and foundation grants, private gifts and endowments.

Please submit proposals by email in PDFs or Word files to James Clem, the Center's Managing Director at clem@fas.harvard.edu by the deadline listed above. Questions should also be directed to James Clem by email or phone (617-496-5458).