

Applications from *C. elegans* researchers are now being accepted for the Faucett Catalyst Grant

What is the motivation for this grant?

As announced at the 2013 International *C. elegans* Meeting, the Faucett Catalyst Fund has offered to fund two exploratory grants to *C. elegans* researchers to apply their talents and ideas toward the study and control of disease-causing parasitic nematodes. Each grant will be for \$15,000 for one year. No overhead or indirect costs can be charged to these funds. They will be administered by the Genetics Society of America.

Grants describing exploratory, basic, and applied parasitic nematode projects are encouraged. Projects designed to develop modern molecular, cellular and functional techniques that can be transferred from *C. elegans* research to parasitic nematodes are also of interest. Since adult nematode parasites are particularly difficult to kill, we invite proposals that address this issue. Funds can be used to travel to a lab working with parasitic nematodes, obtain nematode reagents, attend courses on the biology or studies of nematode parasites, or other means of furthering the goals of the research.

Who can apply?

Any Principal Investigator with proven (i.e. published) experience with *C. elegans* who has not previously worked with parasitic nematodes.

How to apply?

Provide a short description (2 pages maximum with 1-inch margins and Arial 11pt font single-spaced) describing the rationale of the project, the goals of the research, and a description of how the funds will be used to achieve those goals. Also include a current CV (an NIH Biosketch is acceptable). Email your application to Martin Chalfie at mc21@columbia.edu.

What is the deadline for applications?

August 15, 2013

Who will evaluate the applications?

Proposals will be evaluated by the organizers of the "Bridging the Divide" workshop at the 2013 International *C. elegans* meeting: Martin Chalfie (mc21@columbia.edu), Susan Strome (sstrome@ucsc.edu), Barton Slatko (Slatko@neb.com), and William Sullivan (wtsulliv@ucsc.edu). Please contact members of the reviewing committee if you need more information.

When will grants be awarded?

September 15, 2013

What is expected at the end of the award period?

Awardees are expected to present a poster or talk on their work at the 2015 International *C. elegans* meeting. In addition, a report summarizing the use of funds and the outcomes of the research should be emailed to Martin Chalfie (on behalf of the committee) at the end of the project, but no later than December 31, 2014.