

2010

Grants for Research Universities

Registration deadline: May 14, 2009

Proposal deadline: October 1, 2009

Awards notification: May 2010

Grant term begins: September 2010

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Undergraduate Science Education Program

Proposal Evaluation

A panel of distinguished scientists and educators will review the proposals. Panel members will be looking for programs that offer innovative strategies and those that build on proven success. (Note: Half of the grants awarded in the 2008 competition were not direct renewals, and a quarter of the 2008 grants were made to first-time HHMI grantees.)

The principal evaluation criteria are:

Proposed Activities

- The degree to which the proposal addresses one or more of the initiative's objectives;
- The likelihood that the proposed activities will meet the applicant's stated objectives;
- The commitment of the institution to the proposed goals and activities;
- The degree to which the proposed program will enable the applicant to enhance or expand its ongoing activities or to undertake new initiatives;
- The relationship of the proposed activities to initiatives already under way at the applicant institution supported either by a previous HHMI award or other external funding.

Budget and Administration

- The effectiveness of the plan for management and administration of the program, including distribution of grant funds;
- The appropriateness of the budget to activities specified in the proposal;
- Evidence that the grant will enable new or expanded activities and not simply be budget relief for the institution.

Long-Term Impact

- Evidence of effective assessment of previous HHMI-funded activities or other activities related to the proposal's goals;
- Evidence of an outcomes-based plan to assess the proposed activities;
- Evidence that the applicant has a strategy for broad dissemination of effective practices and products resulting from the grant to extend successes achieved locally to the larger science education community;
- Evidence of compelling approaches for effecting long-term institutional change in undergraduate science education;
- Evidence of support by the applicant's administration;
- Evidence of substantial involvement of science faculty, particularly research-active faculty, in proposed program activities;
- Evidence that responsibilities for program development and administration are distributed among appropriate members of the faculty, administration, and staff.

Information

For information about this competition, including a list of invited institutions and descriptions of programs funded in previous competitions, go to www.hhmi.org/universities.

Detailed information about proposal development and submission is available in HHMI's password-protected Web-based competition system. The URL and access code will be sent to each invited institution.

For inquiries, contact Andrew Quon, program officer, or Billy Biederman, program assistant, at (301) 215-8895, or e-mail ugradcomp@hhmi.org.

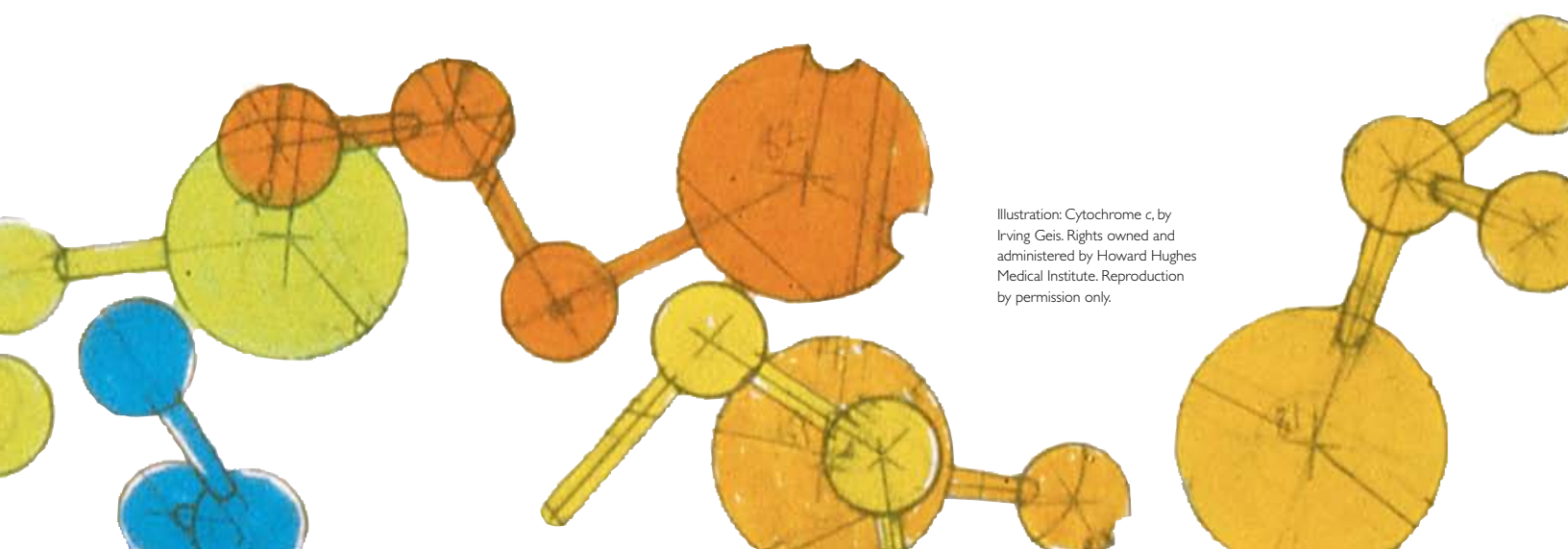


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