

September 21, 2007

Academic Deans
Associate Research Deans
VPR associated Center Directors
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Purdue University System

RE: Annual Showalter Trust Competition

Dear Colleagues:

I request your submissions for this year's Showalter Trust awards. The proposals are for one year with a project period of July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009. All guidelines, procedures, and instructions are available on our website at the following URL - <http://www.purdue.edu/research/vpr/funding/showalter.html>.

The Showalter Will specifies that the following areas of research would have priority for funding:

1. Air and water pollution research;
2. Research in the field of biochemistry;
3. Research for the control and prevention of disease;
4. Research for development of new technologies in food production;
5. Research in medical and biophysical instrumentation, including the adaptation of the modern computer in the measurement of biological processes, in the collection, recording, analysis, and interpretation of data.

Also specified in the Will is a directive that no funds may be used to finance any research in psychiatry, sociology or social studies.

For this year's competition, we wish to encourage the submission of, and will assign high priority to, interdisciplinary proposals whose focus is establishing new research relationships and new research thrusts. Use of funds is limited to Purdue University. Also important will be high potential to compete for or leverage Federal funding and to create programs with a life span longer than the one-year Showalter award. Requests to acquire equipment will only be considered if there is substantial (75%) cost-sharing provided. Finally, due to the nature of projects we wish to identify, proposals up to \$75,000 are welcome for consideration. Proposals above this figure will require significant justification.

An initial review by an internal selection committee will select the most meritorious pre-proposals for development of full proposals and ranking. The internal selection committee is appointed on an annual basis by the Vice President for Research and is comprised of distinguished faculty representing individual academic units within the Purdue system.

Please submit your college's/school's list of short research abstracts (1-2 pages, including the title and investigator) for consideration of Showalter funding to **Rhonda Hostetter, Vice President for Research Office, HOVD**. I would appreciate your abstracts and prioritized list of proposals to be submitted no later than **October 19, 2007**.

Sincerely,

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