

University at Buffalo Center for Advanced Biomedical and Bioengineering Technology (UB CAT)

Request for Proposals

Due Date: May 7, 2010

*Note: Additional projects outside of the RFP awards may be funded
throughout the year pending availability of funds*

*For more information, please visit our website at
<http://www.bioinformatics.buffalo.edu/cat.php>*

UB CAT MISSION

The University at Buffalo Center for Advanced Biomedical and Bioengineering Technology (UB CAT) is one of 15 centers across New York State supporting university-industry collaboration in research, education and technology transfer, with a strong focus on helping New York State-based businesses gain a technological edge on their competition. The UB CAT is fueling continued growth in promising technologies of tomorrow across the life sciences spectrum including biotechnology, biomedical informatics, diagnostics, medical devices, pharmaceuticals, and research and development products or services. The UB CAT fosters the creation of new life sciences companies and helps existing businesses expand through new or improved product lines by utilizing the R&D assets and expertise within the University. Projects supported by the UB CAT drive substantial economic impact for New York State annually. Hand-in-hand with funding, the UB CAT also provides R&D resources, business development assistance, workforce development programming, and other outreach and networking opportunities. To learn more, please visit our website at <http://www.bioinformatics.buffalo.edu/cat.php>

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

UB CAT project applications are selected for funding based on the following criteria:

- Within the scope of the UB CAT focus area in life sciences
- Scientific, technical, and innovative merit
- Commitment of a University at Buffalo Principle Investigator*
- New York State-based company sponsor with available matching funds**
- Demonstrated need for support of project
- Appropriateness of budget items within UB CAT guidelines
- Ability of company sponsor to successfully complete project within July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011
- Potential economic impact for New York State***

** All projects are subject to State University of New York intellectual property policies. Principle Investigator eligibility is dependent on policy guidelines at the University at Buffalo (<http://policy.business.buffalo.edu/Pages/RSI.aspx>).*

*** UB CAT anticipated matching ratio for the 2010 – 2011 fiscal year is 3:1 (3 company dollars to 1 CAT dollar). A typical CAT cash match is between the \$10,000 to \$50,000 range.*

**** Economic impact resulting from a project is defined as an increase in company sponsor revenues (federal, non-government, product-based), cost savings to company, new jobs created, jobs saved, capital expenditures by company sponsor, intellectual property development, new company start-up opportunity or company relocation / expansion in New York State.*

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

The UB CAT project application is open to any company representative and researcher who meet the “Project Requirements” above.

If you are a **company representative** with a potential project, please contact us directly to facilitate introductions with appropriate University at Buffalo Principle Investigators, if needed.

If you are a **researcher** with a potential project and a target New York State company, please contact us directly to facilitate any appropriate introductions within our business network.

PROCESS OVERVIEW

Application

The annual request for proposals is issued in March of 2010 with an application due date of May 7, 2010. Potential projects can also be received on a rolling basis given availability of funds.

Review Period

Applications received by the UB CAT are subject to approval by the UB CAT Industrial Advisory Board. This board consists of professionals in the life sciences area who are uniquely qualified to evaluate projects and comment on appropriateness of work being conducted through the UB CAT funding vehicle. For a detailed list of UB CAT Industrial Advisory Board members, please contact us or visit our website at <http://www.bioinformatics.buffalo.edu/cat.php>.

Award Announcements

Award announcements will be made directly to the applicant prior to the project's execution. Awards issued in response to proposals submitted no later than May 7, 2010 will be announced prior to July 1, 2010 pending availability of funding and NYSTAR approval. Award announcements for applications received on a rolling basis are announced following review by the UB CAT Industrial Advisory Board.

Post-Award

Upon receiving project approval by the UB CAT, a company sponsor will enter into a contracting period followed by account set-up and project initiation. Principle Investigators are required to file Sponsored Project approval paperwork with the appropriate department leadership and Sponsored Programs to initiate account set-up. Reporting of economic impact is required for a minimum of three years for all company sponsors following completion of a UB CAT project.

BUDGET GUIDELINES

- UB CAT cost sharing support is awarded on an annual basis. Both UB CAT and company sponsor matching funds must be expended by the close of the University fiscal year, June 30, 2011.
- UB CAT cost sharing support can be used to cover expenses associated with University personnel and for purchasing of supplies, materials, testing or other contracted services and equipment related to the project.
 - Overhead costs for UB CAT projects are limited to 15% of salary and fringe benefits for University personnel
 - Equipment purchased by any project funds (CAT or company sponsor) is considered property of the CAT and eligible for use in future projects. Equipment purchases must follow University property policies and NYSTAR program policies.
- Funds CANNOT be expended for:
 - Rent, capital construction, rehabilitation, renovation, upgrading of existing space or infrastructure, telecommunications, utility costs or legal expenses.
 - Basic research or research projects that do not receive matching funds support from a company.
 - Costs associated with employees of the sponsor company.
 - Reimbursement to sponsor company for any expenses the sponsor has already paid.

UB CAT CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions or to submit a UB CAT application for funding, please contact:

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