

UPR Sea Grant Request for Proposals

The University of Puerto Rico Sea Grant College Program (UPRSGCP) is calling for **applied research** proposals, which address problems associated with our valuable coastal marine resources. Projects will have a two year duration beginning February 1, 2017 and ending January 31, 2019. Project selection will begin with the presentation of Letters of Intent (LOI) on or before September 13, 2016. This competition is limited to researchers from campuses of the University of Puerto Rico.

The applied research proposals for this competition will be evaluated based on: 1) scientific merit; 2) users, participants and co-sponsors; and 3) expected results, applications and benefits. Specifically successful proposals are expected to include potential end users of the results in the planning of the project, how these end users will be brought into the execution of the project, and how they will take advantage in the application of the results. It is expected that researchers have communicated with end-users in the development process. Proposals that advance technological and economic capabilities, establish new commercial opportunities, promote environmental sustainability, or improve public policy and management decisions, in PR will have more opportunity to advance to the full proposal stage. The maximum request for Sea Grant funding is limited to \$19,000 per year. All projects must include 50% match from non-federal sources. The LOI guidelines below provide greater detail.

Letter of Intent Format and Guidelines

A LOI must be submitted and evaluated prior to an invitation to submit a full proposal.

The LOI should not exceed two pages and needs to include the following:

- 1 A brief descriptive title of the project, name of the investigators, and academic affiliation.
- 2 A short statement (not exceeding 750 words) explaining project relevance, objectives (expected results) and methods (data required and analysis). Define the product(s) that your research will provide.
- 3 A short budget indicating total Sea Grant request and total match for year one, year two and total (not to exceed \$19,000/year in federal request).

You should consider the following when estimating the global cost of the proposed project; permanent equipment, materials, travel, number of personnel, calculation of salaries and fringe benefits, time and effort of personnel, staff, and students, subcontracts (if any), the nature of non-federal matching funds and calculation of indirect costs.

NOAA requires that the grantee provide matching funds equivalent to 50% of the amount requested from the Federal government. Suggestions of state and federal natural resource agencies that you may wish to contact and develop a proposal with might include: Department of Natural and Environmental Resources of Puerto Rico, Department of Planning and Natural Resources of the US Virgin Islands, US Geological Survey, Army Corps of Engineers, National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, among others.

- 4 All pages should be formatted to use 8-1/2" x 11" paper
- 5 Proposals with two-year duration are preferred.
- 6 Proposals **must be submitted in docx, or doc format.**
- 7 Include a short (one page or less) CV's or Bio's (not part of two page limit).

Submittals

The LOI must be submitted electronically to Dr. Kurt A. Grove, our Research Coordinator at: kurtallen.grove@upr.edu

Schedule and due dates (deadlines)

The LOI is due at UPRSGCP on or before 4:30 p.m. (AST) September 13th, 2016; late applications will not be accepted. After review of LOI by the UPR Sea Grant's management and Evaluation Panel, the most relevant projects will be encouraged, within a week to ten days, to submit full proposals. The deadline for full proposal submission is November 22, 2016 at 4:30pm. Full proposal guidelines will be sent along with our invitations and will also be available on our web-page (www.seagrantpr.org).

For further information, please contact us at our Main Office:

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