

# FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR UNC FACULTY 2022-2023 GALAPAGOS SEED GRANT PROGRAM

*UNC Center for Galapagos Studies*



**PURPOSE:** These awards are designed to foster the development of research partnerships and projects in the Galapagos Islands of Ecuador, with a focus on the Galapagos Science Center, a jointly developed and supported facility of UNC-Chapel Hill and the Universidad San Francisco de Quito. Grants are to UNC faculty to undertake preliminary and/or exploratory research. *Preference will be given to applications from junior faculty and for new project initiatives.* We are seeking applications from across the university. The Galapagos Initiative emphasizes the study of the social, terrestrial, and marine sub-systems in the Galapagos Islands of Ecuador and their integration through a focus on population, health, and environment.

## **FOCUS AREAS:**

- Conservation of iconic species and landscapes
- Marine productivity & oceanography
- Climate and environmental change
- Population migration & tourism
- Human health & well-being
- Invasive species
- Water & pathogens
- Island sustainability
- Evolution & adaptation



**SPONSORS:** The Ron Rindfuss & Steve Walsh Junior Faculty Galapagos Travel Grant and the UNC Center for Galapagos Studies.

**AWARD DETAILS:** Faculty may apply individually, together with a UNC student, or with other faculty members from different disciplines. Approximately 4-5 grants will be made this year in amounts up to \$5,000 for a single UNC applicant or \$7,500 for UNC co-applicants. Awarded funds will be available for use beginning January 1, 2023, and they must be expended during the 2023 calendar year.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Full-time faculty from all units at UNC are eligible to apply for funding. Adjunct faculty, post-docs, and staff are not eligible for this opportunity. Interested degree-seeking students of any level must be teamed with a faculty member who meets the eligibility requirements.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:** The project proposal is limited to 3-pages, single-spaced, 12-point font, 0.75 inch margins, and includes the following:

- Project title, research problem & question, and general research plan
- Clear statement of the applicability of the project to the Galapagos Islands & related island ecosystems and
- Applicant's current academic position and background relevant to the proposal research
- Expected benefits to the UNC Galapagos Initiative & description of plans for external grant submissions
- Budget, justification, timeline (all projects are limited to 12-months); 1-page bio-sketch (extra page)
- Please note that funded seed projects requiring Galapagos National Park permitting (not all do) must plan to prepare their Park permit application immediately upon receipt of the notice of award.

**PROPOSAL APPLICATIONS:** All proposals are **due by November 11, 2022 at 5:00 pm.** Send any questions and **proposal submissions** to Phil Page, Assistant Director; Center for Galapagos Studies; [philpage@unc.edu](mailto:philpage@unc.edu). Subject: Galapagos 2022-2023 Seed Grant Program.