

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR UNC FACULTY 2023-2024 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, the UNC Office of Research Development, 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 3-4 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, 2024, and they must be expended during the 2024 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.
- A clear statement of the applicability of the project to the Galapagos Islands & related Island Ecosystems.
- 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 30, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.** Send any questions and **proposal submissions** to Amanda Thompson, Director; Center for Galapagos Studies; althomps@email.unc.edu Subject: Galapagos 2023-2024 Seed Grant Program.