



## HUMAN FRONTIER SCIENCE PROGRAM (HFSP)

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### OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH

The Human Frontier Science Program (HFSP) supports **international** collaborations in basic research with emphasis placed on *novel*, **innovative** and **interdisciplinary** approaches to fundamental investigations in the life sciences. Applications are invited for grants to support projects on **complex mechanisms of living organisms**.

#### CALL FOR LETTERS OF INTENT FOR RESEARCH GRANTS: AWARD YEAR 2007

The HFSP research grant program aims to stimulate novel, daring ideas by supporting collaborative research involving biologists together with scientists from other disciplines such as chemistry, physics, mathematics, computer science and engineering. Recent developments in the biological and physical sciences and emerging disciplines such as computational biology and nanoscience open up new approaches to understanding the complex mechanisms underlying biological functions in living organisms. Preliminary results are not required in research grant applications. Applicants are expected to develop new lines of research through the collaboration; projects must be distinct from applicants' other research funded by other sources. HFSP supports only international, collaborative teams, with an emphasis on encouraging scientists early in their careers.

**International teams of scientists interested in submitting applications for support must first submit a letter of intent online via the HFSP web site. The guidelines for potential applicants and further instructions are available on the HFSP web site ([www.hfsp.org](http://www.hfsp.org)).**

Research grants provide 3 years support for teams with 2 – 4 members, with not more than one member from any one country, unless more members are absolutely necessary for the interdisciplinary nature of the project, which is an essential selection criterion. Applicants may also establish a local **interdisciplinary** collaboration as a component of an international team but will be considered as 1.5 team members for budgetary purposes (see below). The principal applicant must be located in one of the member countries\* but co-investigators may be from any other country. Clear preference is given to **intercontinental** teams.

#### TWO TYPES OF GRANT ARE AVAILABLE

**Young Investigators' Grants** are for teams of scientists who are all within 5 years of establishing an independent laboratory and within 10 years of obtaining their PhDs.

**Program Grants** are for independent scientists at all stages of their careers, although the participation of younger scientists is especially encouraged.

Awards are dependent upon team size and successful teams will receive up to \$450,000 per year for the whole team.

#### Important Deadlines:

Compulsory pre-registration for password: **20 MARCH 2006**  
Submission of Letters of Intent: **30 MARCH 2006**

*\*Members are Australia, Canada, the European Union, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States.*