

2008 Education/Research Grants

SCIFT's Education and/Research Grants are available to educational research institutions that advance food science, nutrition and closely related technologies within the SCIFTS' geographical area. Funding proposals will be evaluated on the potential contribution to further the knowledge in the fields of food science and nutrition, and on the potential contribution to develop students as competent scientific investigators or educators in these disciplines. The emphasis is to enhance programs that will benefit a large segment of the student population. Applications should not emphasize the research goals of single students and faculty representatives.

Education and Research Grant Criteria and Guidelines:

1. Applicant must use current established criteria as published in SCIFTS. Changes may have been made to the judgement criteria from previous years.
2. Applications are limited to one proposal per researcher per year.
3. The funds will be designated for Colleges and Universities in Southern California with Food Science, Nutrition or closely related programs.
4. Applications for apparatus and mechanisms to advance research are encouraged. Computer software, books, lab and pilot plant equipment, maintenance and repair contracts, and similar items will be considered for funding. Items such as travel, personal assistants, fax, phone, mail, paid graduate assistants, etc. are not eligible for funding.
5. Funds must be used for items specific in the grant application, even if the full amount requested is not granted by SCIFTS. They cannot be used for other items or projects.
6. Recipients must submit an accounting of how funds are used prior to year-end.
7. Proposals will be evaluated and awards designated based on the merit of the proposal as determined by the Education Grant Committee.

Application will be judged according to the following criteria:

Established Criteria

Required: Properly completed, typewritten grant request. Must include: (a) project support letters from Dean of College and Chair of Dept.; (b) request for grant received by deadline; (c) all required information/sections provided; (d) applicant submitted only one proposal; and (e) eligible funds are designated for a College or University Southern California with Food Science, Nutrition or closely related programs.

Maximum Merit Points

- 5 1. Identify and outline the goal(s) and objective(s) of the proposed project.
- 25 2. Describe (a) the proposed project; (b) its relationship to the current state of knowledge; and its contribution to/application in Nutrition and/or Food Science and Technology advancements.
- 5 3. Outline timetable of the proposed project (short-term, one year project; seed funding for pilot or long term project; additional funding to continue/conclude this project).
- 5 4. Identify and summarize the qualifications and responsibilities of the principal and associate investigators, including students and faculty, required to execute and complete the proposed project.
- 5 5. Provide evidence of inter/intra departmental and/or collegiate collaboration.
- 15 6. Itemize and justify each budget item required for the proposed project. Include any applicable discounts. Items such as travel, overhead, personnel, office maintenance, etc. are not eligible for funding.
- 5 7. Identify confirmed matching/complementary funding source(s) for this proposed project, such as research grants, industrial contributions, lottery funds and non-proprietary contracts.
- 25 8. Describe the potential contribution of this project to (a) student development and competency in research (scientific process), or (b) student education in Nutrition or Food Science and Technology. Include statement that assesses the potential number of students impacted by this project.
- 5 9. Describe the mechanism(s) to analyze, report, and disseminate/publish/present project information.
- 5 10. Applicant is eligible for 5 points if she/he is active/involved in SCIFTS and/or National IFT. Please summarize.

100 TOTAL SCORE

Minimum score of 50 is required for consideration of any award.

2008 Grant Application schedule is

Grant Proposal Deadline	February 15, 2008
Executive Committee Approval	April 9, 2008
Grantee notification	April 21, 2008
Grant Awards Announcements	May 21, 2008
Grant Funds Distribution	May 21, 2008

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