



12TH ANNUAL SUZANNE LLEWELLYN COEH STUDENT PROJECT AWARD

CENTER FOR OCCUPATIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
UP TO \$5,000 FOR A STUDENT PROJECT**

The Center for Occupational and Environmental Health (COEH) invites applications from graduate students and medical residents wishing to conduct a multidisciplinary research project in occupational or environmental health. Teaching, service, community intervention, and policy projects will also be considered. The purpose is to encourage students to work in teams with students from other disciplines in order to better address real world problems. Partial funding will be provided by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). The COEH Student award was recently remaned in honor of Suzanne Llewellyn, who developed and administrated the program.

Eligibility

Competition is open to currently registered graduate students or medical residents (“students”). One of the students’ faculty advisors must be affiliated with COEH. See the COEH web site at coeh.berkeley.edu for profiles of COEH faculty and programs. A minimum of two students and two disciplines is required, and highest priority will be given to projects involving more than one campus (COEH programs are located at Berkeley, Davis, and San Francisco). Students are expected to meet with their faculty advisors on a regular basis to obtain input and keep them informed of their progress. Faculty advisors are expected to actively mentor the project and approve the final report.

Timeline

GOALS	SUMMER PROJECTS	ACADEMIC YEAR PROJECTS
Letter of Intent	Dec 14, 2008	March 14, 2009
Application Deadline	Feb 1, 2009	April 11, 2009
Award Announcement	March 14, 2009	June 2, 2009
Response to Reviewers’ Comments	April 1, 2009	Oct 1, 2009
Proof of Workplace Access Due Submit Study Protocol to IRB*	April 15	Oct 15
IRB Approval Due	June 2	Dec 1
Project Start Date	June 2, 2009	Dec 1, 2009
Project End Date	March 27, 2010	
Final Report Due	April 24, 2010	
Project Presentations	Fall, 2010	

* Campus IRB (Institutional Review Board) approval required for projects working with humans or vertebrate animals. Links to campus protocol compliance information available at http://coeh.berkeley.edu/students/studentaward_protocol.htm

Award Amount & Project Time Period

Projects will be funded up to \$5,000 for up to 10 months, starting between June and December. An extension will be considered if students will be present to complete the project after the academic year ends. An extension is contingent upon receipt of a brief progress report.

Submission Procedures

Letter of Intent (*strongly recommended*): Letters of intent are particularly useful for students who would like assistance or early feedback on their project proposal. Issues might include finding a partner, gaining workplace access, or getting approval to work with human or animal subjects. Letters should briefly describe the project, identify the issue/s requiring assistance, and be co-signed by the lead student’s faculty advisor.

Finding Partners:

The Award Advisory Committee and your faculty advisor can assist you in finding appropriate partners from another discipline. COEH can broadcast your request for a partner to the students in other programs. Do not let finding a partner be a stumbling block!

This announcement, application, and sample project proposals are available on our website at coeh.berkeley.edu

Application:

Submit the application form, project description (about five pages), budget, budget justification, and a strategy for seeking access to a work site, if applicable. The project description should include: abstract; statement of significance; specific objectives, relevance to occupational and environmental health, background, methodology, timeline, and role of each student involved.

Allowable Expenses:

Project costs may include equipment, supplies and travel. Salary will be considered if it enables a student to reduce work commitments. Equipment purchased becomes University property. The review committee may require budget revisions.

Review Criteria

Research projects will be judged on scientific merit. Teaching, service, community intervention, and policy projects will be judged on their impact on the target audience.

Program Priorities:

- Field and laboratory studies that evaluate adverse health effects and/or exposure to hazardous agents in occupational and community settings.
- Risk assessments that use existing information to quantitatively estimate exposure to hazardous agents among occupational and community groups, and the consequent risk of adverse health effects.
- Survey studies using questionnaires or interviews to gather new or updated information on occupational and environmental health hazards and controls.
- Policy analyses of alternatives for addressing occupational and environmental health problems.
- Methodological studies of innovative service delivery to high risk, vulnerable workers or employer groups.

Final Report and Presentation

Each team must produce a brief final project report including a financial report showing how the funds were spent. The report must be reviewed and signed by at least one faculty advisor, generally the lead student's. The teams will be invited to present their findings at a COEH event.

Submit application to:**Marion Gillen**

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