

North American Pollinator Protection Campaign Call for Research Proposals Related to Honey Bee Health

The North American Pollinator Protection Campaign is seeking proposals for research related to improving the health of honey bees. Funding for these grants has been generously provided by Burt's Bees; summaries of previously funded projects can be found at http://www.pollinator.org/Honeybee_Health.htm. Review and selection of proposals will be conducted by members of the Honey Bee Health Improvement Task Force.

In total, \$40,000 will be available, and we anticipate supporting 4-6 proposals. Funds must be used within a one-year period. Focused, targeted projects with a high likelihood of providing tangible results that can be applied to improving honey bee health are preferred. Proposals providing valuable extensions of previously funded projects will be considered. The HBH Task Force has identified five priority areas for funding. Proposals that address multiple priority areas or have implications for the health of other managed or native bee species are encouraged:

- 1. Effects of nutrition on honey bee behavior, physiology and/or colony health
- 2. Effects of pesticides on honey bee behavior, physiology and/or colony health
- 3. Effects of pathogens and pests on honey bee behavior, physiology and/or colony health

4. Development of methods to improve genetic stocks of managed honey bee

populations

5. Efforts to translate results of research into practical technological advances for

apiculture, or efforts to promote adoption of practices by beekeepers and other

members of the public that improve honey bee health or the environment for

honey bees and other pollinators (courses, literature, etc)

The proposals should include a 3 page-project description (references are not included

in this page limit) with sufficient background and description of methods to ascertain the

importance and feasibility of the studies. The proposal packet should also include a

detailed budget that includes funds for the principal investigator to attend the annual

NAPPC International Summit in Washington, DC to present the results of the research.

Finally, the proposal packet should include a 2-page CV of the principal investigator(s).

As a nonprofit organization, NAPPC does not pay overhead on funded research grants.

Please send your proposal packets as a single pdf file by electronic mail to Jennifer

Tsang (<u>it@pollinator.org</u>) by January 15, 2009. Contact Christina Grozinger

(christina.grozinger@gmail.com) or Danny Weaver (dbeeweaver@gmail.com) with

questions. The proposals will be evaluated by members of the HBHI Task Force, and

funding decisions will be made by February 6, 2009.

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