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AGENCY: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA), National Risk Management Research Laboratory

TITLE: Research Training Program for College and University Students

ACTION: Request for Applications (RFA) - Initial

RFA NUMBER: EPA-ORD-NRMRL-CI-09-02

CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE (CFDA) NO: 66.511 - Office of Research and Development Consolidated Research/Training/Fellowship Programs

DATES: The closing date and time for receipt of hard copy applications or electronic receipt of applications is May 11, 2009, at 4:30 p.m. EST. All applications must be post marked or submitted electronically thru email as described in Section IV., by the closing date and time to receive consideration. No late proposals will be accepted.

To allow efficient management of the competitive process, EPA requests submittal of an informal notice of an "Intent to Apply," by April 22, 2009. Submission of "Intent to Apply," is optional; it is a process management tool that will allow EPA to better anticipate the total staff time required for efficient review, evaluation, and selection of submitted proposals.

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SUMMARY OF PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Synopsis of Program:

The objective of this RFA is to support the training of undergraduate and graduate students in research. The Program will substantially benefit academic training of research scientists and support increased emphasis on the training of future environmental scientists. It is envisioned that the goal of increasing both the effectiveness and number of future environmental scientists will be achieved by allowing students to collaborate with senior ORD scientists while working in a fully operational federal research laboratory.

Research training will be conducted at EPA's facilities in Cincinnati, Ohio, and academic training will be conducted at the home institutions of the students. Some examples of the field of study for desirable student participants include (but are not limited to) those majoring in chemistry, engineering, biology, computer science, physical sciences, life sciences, ecology, and urban planning.

Award Information:

NUMBER OF EXPECTED AWARDS: One

CEILING: EPA anticipates awarding one cooperative agreement for up to \$1,800,000 (an estimated \$600,000 per year for up to 3 years)

COST SHARING OR MATCHING: Not applicable

GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION: Not Applicable

Eligibility Information:

Eligible applicants for programs under CFDA 66.511 each State, territory and possession, and Tribal nation of the United States, including the District of Columbia, public and private State universities and colleges, hospitals, laboratories, State and local government departments, and other public or private nonprofit institutions and in some cases, individuals who have demonstrated unusually high scientific ability. Profit-making firms are not eligible to receive awards. Eligible nonprofit organizations include any organizations that meet the definition of nonprofit in OMB Circular A-122. However, nonprofit organizations described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code that engage in lobbying activities as defined in Section 3 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 are not eligible to apply. Universities and educational institutions must be subject to OMB Circular A-21.

Application Materials:

Applicants may submit either a hard-copy printed application or an electronic application through email (but not both) for this announcement. Instructions for both forms of submission follow in Sections IV. B. and C. Grant application forms can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/ogd/AppKit/application.htm>

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