



IBIO Research and Training Initiatives (RTI) Grant Program

IBIO is providing a new funding mechanism to support IBIO post-doctoral researchers and graduate students in their research and/or training initiatives. The department recognizes that there are limited sources of funding available at the college and university levels to support graduate-student and post-doctoral research and training, so we will be providing competitive funds twice per year to assist our trainees in these areas.

This program aims to provide funding:

- 1) To support a dissertation or post-doc project (e.g. consumable materials, field/travel expenses, small equipment, hiring of an assistant) for which funding is lacking; or
- 2) To kickstart a collaborative research project between IBIO graduate students and/or postdocs (can be any combination), especially projects that can help launch early-career researchers in a new direction (i.e. new method, new study system).

To apply for IBIO RTI funding, please submit the following to jroe@msu.edu:

- 1) A single-spaced, two-page (maximum, including references) proposal. Research proposals should briefly summarize relevant background/context information, study question(s) and hypotheticodeductive framework, study design/methods, expected outcomes, feasible timeline, and budget with justification. Collaborative proposals should also clearly indicate unique contributions of each applicant.
- 2) Abbreviated CV(s) of each applicant (maximum 2 pages each), with emphasis on relevant research or training experience(s).
- 3) A brief letter of support (emailed separately) from your research advisor to provide additional context for the needs and qualifications of the applicant(s) and merits of the project/workshop; if applicants are from multiple labs, a letter from any applicant's major advisor is acceptable.

Additional criteria:

- Maximum allowable funding request by an individual applicant is \$1500. Submissions with two or more collaborators can request up to \$4000.
- Submission deadlines for this funding mechanism are 15 April and 15 October each year.
- We anticipate providing award notifications by 1 May and 1 November, respectively.
- Feedback will be provided on declined applications and can be used to improve future submissions.
- A progress report on activities supported by the grant must be sent by awardees to jroe@msu.edu within one year of receiving the funding.
- Students/post-docs can only receive one award per career.