

September 29, 2008

Academic Deans
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RE: Annual Showalter Trust Competition

Dear Colleagues:

I request your submissions for this year's Showalter Trust awards. The proposals are for one year with a project period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. All guidelines, procedures, and instructions are available on our website at the following URL: <http://www.purdue.edu/research/vpr/funding/showalter.shtml>.

The Showalter Trust specifies that the following areas of research would have priority for funding:

1. Air and water pollution research;
2. Research in the field of biochemistry;
3. Research for the control and prevention of disease;
4. Research for development of new technologies in food production;
5. Research in medical and biophysical instrumentation, including the adaptation of the modern computer in the measurement of biological processes, in the collection, recording, analysis, and interpretation of data

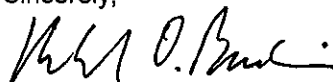
Also specified by the Showalter Trust is a directive that no funds may be used to finance any research in psychiatry, sociology or social studies.

The Showalter Selection Committee encourages the submission of, and will assign high priority to, interdisciplinary proposals whose focus is establishing new research relationships and new research thrusts. Use of funds is limited to Purdue University. Also important will be high potential to compete for or leverage Federal funding and to create programs with a life span longer than the one-year Showalter award. Requests to acquire equipment will only be considered if there is substantial (75%) cost-sharing provided. Finally, due to the nature of the projects, proposals up to \$75,000 are welcome for consideration. Proposals above this figure will require significant justification.

An initial review by an internal selection committee will select the most meritorious pre-proposals for development of full proposals and ranking. The internal selection committee is appointed on an annual basis by the Associate Vice President for Research and is comprised of distinguished faculty representing individual academic units at the West Lafayette campus.

Please submit up to six of your college's/school's research abstracts (two pages maximum, including the title and investigator) for consideration of Showalter funding to **Rhonda Hostetter** through our Sharepoint website at: <https://sp.itap.purdue.edu/vpr/showalter/>. I would appreciate your abstracts and prioritized list of proposals to be submitted no later than **January 16, 2009**.

Sincerely,



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Vice President for Research