

IR-4 BIOPESTICIDE PROGRAM

Call for Biopesticide Grant Proposals

The IR-4 Biopesticide Research Program announces a request for proposals (RFP) for funding in year 2002. Early stage biopesticide proposals are due on 15 November 2001. Advanced stage biopesticide proposals are due on 15 December 2001. Instructions for proposal content, format and submission can be obtained from IR-4 Headquarters or the Regional Offices.

Interregional Research Project (IR-4) - Biopesticides

Website: <http://cook.rutgers.edu/~ir4/> (no link to grant info through website, must call)

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RFP Availability: Now (Fall '01)

Proposals Due: Early State: November 15, 2001
Late Stage: December 15, 2001

Total Available: \$300,000

Duration of Proposal: Usually 1 year

Maximum Budget: Averaged \$7,000; range \$1500-\$35,000

**Early Stage
Biopesticide
Proposals due
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**Advanced Stage
due 15 DEC 01**

IR-4 is a federal project that has traditionally facilitated the registration of pesticides on minor use crops. Minor use crops are defined as those with less than 300,000 acres nationwide. IR-4 announced a Biopesticide Research Program to promote and facilitate the registration of biopesticides on minor crops. Biopesticides include microbials, nonviable microbials, pheromones, biochemicals, genetically altered microbials and transgenic plants.

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Review of the IR-4 Biopesticide Program

The IR-4 Project was established in 1963 to provide pest management solutions to growers of fruits, vegetables and other minor crops. IR-4 became involved in the registration of Bt products in 1970, and in 1982, a biological control program was established. The primary functions of the Biopesticide Program are to assist registrants with the regulatory process and to promote the development of new products by funding research through a competitive grants program. The registration assistance involves consulting and petition preparation for submission to the Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (BPPD) of EPA. The IR-4 Project also is involved in the submission of Experimental Use Permits (EUP) for products prior to com-

plete registration. IR-4 has worked with 45 different companies and industry organizations and is involved in partnerships with EPA, the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (Canada), the Biopesticide Industry Alliance, and the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (CDPR). Since 1995, the IR-4 Project has funded over 1.8 million dollars in biopesticide research. In 2001, the IR-4 Project received 65 grant proposals and funded 43. Out of the projects funded 27 were biofungicides, 9 were bioinsecticides or pheromones, 4 were bioherbicides and 3 were plant growth regulators. Twenty eight were food use projects and 15 were non-food use (turf, ornamentals, greenhouse, etc.)

Article by Michael Braverman

IR-4/EPA/PMRA Biopesticide Registration Workshop

A Workshop to provide participants with a better understanding of the biopesticide regulatory process in the U.S., Canada and California will be held November 13-15, 2001 in Arlington (Crystal City), VA. Instructors and lecturers include regulatory officials of EPA, PMRA and California Department of Pesticide Regulation. Personnel currently involved (or considering future involvement) in discovery, manufacturing and sales of biopesticides are encouraged to attend.

The Marriott Crystal Gateway is the host hotel for the Workshop. The room rate is \$139.00 plus tax for single/

double room per night, if registered before October 22, 2001. Call the hotel directly at (703) 920-3230 and mention you will be attending the IR-4 Biopesticide Registration Workshop.

Pre-registration is encouraged. The discounted pre-registration fee is only \$75.00 if the registration form is postmarked by October 31. Registrations mailed after October 31 will be \$200.00. **Register early and save money.**

For further information, contact Cheryl Ferrazoli at IR-4 Headquarters - 732-932-9575 ext. 601.

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