



2009-10 FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Center for the Integrative Study of Animal Behavior CISAB Graduate Scholars

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Common Themes in Reproductive Diversity CTRD pre-doctoral trainees (NIH-CHD training grant)

Applications Due: February 20, 2009 (4pm)

CISAB Graduate Scholars are outstanding IU graduate students who exemplify an integrative approach to the study of animal behavior through their research, teaching and other professional activities. Awards range from summer support to up to 12 months of stipend support.

CTRD NIH Pre-doctoral Trainees are outstanding IU graduate students whose integrative research interests focus on sex differences, maternal effects on development, or eco-immunology that are common to animals including humans. Awards are for 12 months of stipend support and include an allowance for research expenses and travel.

Applications must be submitted via an email attachment to cisab@indiana.edu and received no later than **4pm on February 20, 2009**. Be sure to state in the e-mail whether you are applying for CISAB, CTRD or both. An email acknowledgment will be sent upon receipt of your application, but late applications will not be considered. CISAB Scholars and CTRD trainees must be in good academic standing in their home departments. We strongly encourage students to apply for both forms of funding if your research is applicable.

Each application to become a CISAB scholar should include items 1-7 below. To be eligible for a CTRD traineeship as well, your application should include items 8 and 9. If you wish to apply only to CTRD, please contact Ellen Ketterson and she will modify the form to meet your situation (ketterso@indiana.edu).

1. Curriculum Vitae: Including contact information (name, telephone, email), awards (with dates & amount of funding), publications, presentations, and other professional experiences.

2. Previous CISAB Support (1 page): If you have been funded previously by CISAB (research or travel money, stipend support) or have made substantive use of the shared Animal Behavior Lab (managed by Dr. Rose Stewart), provide a summary of the results of this support, including papers published, seminars presented, and grants for which you have applied.

3. Education & Training (approximately one paragraph). Briefly summarize your training in animal behavior, listing IU courses, rotations & other activities which you have found particularly helpful. Are you planning to obtain a minor or area certificate in animal behavior? How has your training helped you to learn the perspectives of more than one field of animal behavior? Please include a tentative degree timeline. When do you expect to advance to candidacy and defend?

4. Dissertation Research (2-3 pages). Please summarize your dissertation research, emphasizing how you have successfully integrated the perspectives and/or techniques of more than one subdiscipline of animal behavior. Discuss how being a CISAB Scholar or CTRD trainee will further your research, training and/or career goals, and what special opportunities to conduct integrative research may become possible if you receive funding.

5. CISAB Activities (approximately one paragraph): Please briefly summarize your involvement in CISAB activities (e.g., participation in the Spring Animal Behavior Conference, Fall Reception, town hall meetings, REU student supervision, hosting a seminar speaker).

6. Supervision & Guidance: Each application must be sponsored by two CISAB faculty members. Please ask your major advisor and one other CISAB faculty member (two, if your major advisor is not a member) to send a letter of recommendation to cisab@indiana.edu. Please ask them to include in the letter a confirmation that they have read and support your application, and also to comment on the feasibility of your degree timeline. For CTRD applicants, your primary advisor must be a member of the training grant faculty <http://www.indiana.edu/~reprodiv/faculty.htm> and must be one of the letter writers.

7. Assurance: Please include a statement assuring that your research conforms to all IU guidelines involving the use of live animals, human subjects, and biological safety as appropriate.

8. CTRD applicants only, please report your GRE scores (verbal, quantitative, and analytical).

9. CTRD applicants only, please make explicit (in 1-2 paragraphs), how your research goals relate to the training objectives of CTRD (please see the CTRD web site

<http://www.indiana.edu/~reprodiv/themes.htm>).