



2009-2010 Avian Biosciences Grant Program **Request for Proposals**

The *Avian Biosciences Center* announces the availability of funding to support research and or education/outreach projects in the avian biosciences with application(s) for commercial poultry production.

The following information outlines the application process for the grants:

1. **Eligibility:** All University of Delaware faculty members and professional staff who are formally affiliated¹ with the *Avian Biosciences Center* may submit grant applications.

2. **Priority Areas:** The proposed research may be applied or basic; multi-disciplinary approaches are encouraged. The research must clearly address one of the following priority areas:

- Poultry Health
- Environmental Compatibility of Poultry Production Practices
- Food Safety of Poultry Products
- Avian Genomics (As applied to any of the above Priority Areas or improvement of poultry genetic stock)

3. **Project Duration:** **November 15, 2009 - June 30, 2010.** All funds must be expended by June 30, 2010.

4. **Funding:** The program will provide up to \$25,000.00 in support of research and education/outreach activities for each funded proposal. Funds may be used to purchase supplies, equipment totaling not more than 50% of the total amount of the grant, travel to professional meetings (up to \$2,000), publication costs related to the grant, and graduate and/or undergraduate students enrolled at the University of Delaware. Subcontracts may be awarded to co-investigators at other institutions. Charging indirect costs to the grants will depend on the source of funds used in a given year to support the grants program. Awards this year will not be subject to indirect costs charges.

5. **Proposal Preparation and Submission:** Proposals must contain the following components and are limited to five pages of text (excluding budgetary information and CVs):

- ⌚ Project Justification and Objectives
- ⌚ Literature Review
- ⌚ Proposed Methodology
- ⌚ Budget
- ⌚ Short CV for each project investigator

¹ For information on how to become affiliated with the *Avian Biosciences Center* contact Dr. Jack Gelb (jgelb@udel.edu).

Submit proposals electronically via email, by **October 19, 2009** to: Dr. Jack Gelb, Jr., Director, Avian Biosciences Center (jgelb@udel.edu)

6. Proposal Review and Selection Criteria: Final decisions on proposals will be made by a review panel established by the *Avian Biosciences Center*. Proposals will be reviewed based on their scientific merit and relevance to the established priority research areas for this program. Notification of awards will be made by **November 15, 2009**.

7. Reporting Requirements: Grant recipients are required to (i) make a presentation each year describing their progress at a meeting that will be organized by the *Avian Biosciences Center*; (ii) prepare a final written report that summarizes the findings of their research due no later than 90 days after the grant's end date.