

## University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program

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School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology

March 1, 2017

MEMORANDUM TO: Camilo Mora

Department of Geography

FROM: Darren T. Lerner, Director

SUBJECT: Your 2018-2020 University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program

Preliminary Proposal titled "Impacts of climatic changes on native Hawaiian plants using a newly developed Intelligent Plant Growing

System (IPS)."

Your preliminary proposal was reviewed by the University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program's (Hawai'i Sea Grant) Advisory Council, Hawai'i Sea Grant extension, and by an external panel of scholars. The Hawai'i Sea Grant Advisory Council's and Hawai'i Sea Grant extension agents review focused on your proposal's appropriateness for our program's mission, and our state's needs, challenges, and opportunities. The panel of scholars addressed the scientific merit, investigator expertise and productivity, and student engagement. I am pleased to inform you that it has been recommended that you be encouraged to submit a full proposal for the 2018-2020 Hawai'i Sea Grant award cycle.

To submit your full proposal, log in to eProjects and complete the full application (<a href="http://www.soest.hawaii.edu/eProjects/logn/logn\_login.php">http://www.soest.hawaii.edu/eProjects/logn/logn\_login.php</a>).

## Completed applications must be submitted no later than 5:00 pm HST on Friday, April 28, 2017.

Please note that the full narrative is an uploaded file and must be submitted as a PDF document. Please also note that the PI's department fiscal administrators are required to sign the budget pages in addition to other key documents (cost-sharing commitment form and certification for Hawai'i Sea Grant funding form). These documents must be submitted in a PDF format and uploaded through eProjects.

Tenured or tenure-track faculty may not request salary (including summer overload).

Also, Hawai'i Sea Grant will not provide funding for publication costs or conference-related travel within a grant award, but pending available funding may be able to assist with such costs upon request.

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Should you request support for a Hawai'i Sea Grant Graduate Trainee and if your proposal competes successfully for funding, you will receive paperwork to assist you in this request. As principal investigator, you will select your student. Final approval for student support under the Hawai'i Sea Grant Graduate Trainee Program is awarded after submitted materials are reviewed.

We request that the principal investigator suggest at least three and up to five out-of-state peers qualified to judge the merits of the proposal by March 15, 2017. Do note that no peer-reviews can be accepted from anyone with a conflict of interest (COI) as described in the attached COI statement. Should there be any potential referees for whom the principal investigator prefers not to be invited to review, please list these as well. For consideration, please enter suggested reviewers via eProjects no later than Wednesday, March 15, 2017.

For questions related to proposal content or review procedures, please contact the Director, Dr. Darren Lerner, at 956-7031 or <a href="lerner@hawaii.edu">lerner@hawaii.edu</a>. For technical support, please contact Dr. Hal Richman, Information Technology Specialist, at 956-8191 or <a href="mailto:hrichman@hawaii.edu">hrichman@hawaii.edu</a>. For fiscal/budgetary questions, please contact, Ms. Li Forsman at 956-3571 or <a href="mailto:forsman@hawaii.edu">forsman@hawaii.edu</a>.

Full proposals will not be sent for peer review if the principal investigator or co-investigator is delinquent in submitting required reports for previously funded Sea Grant projects.

Thank you for submitting your research proposal to the University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program.

cc: Darren Okimoto, Associate Director and Extension Leader Maya Walton, Program Leader and Research Coordinator

## Reviews Hawaii Sea Grant Competition (2018-2020)

Name: Mora, Camilo

Title: Impacts of climatic changes on native Hawaiian plants using a newly developed Intelligent Plant Growing System (IPS)

- More detail on the outreach connected to this project and ways that the research results might be transferred and used by other partners and stakeholders once the project is completed would help to improve the proposal.
- Some of the reviewers were concerned that the PI has limited experience in plant physiology and thought that the proposal may be strengthened through the addition of a Co-Investigator that has expertise in this area.