

UGSA BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

A. General information

Applicant information:

Name: Jeremy Howard - UGSA Representative

Telephone number: [REDACTED]

E-mail address: [REDACTED]

Signature: [REDACTED]

GSA Chapter/Organization information:

GSA chapter or organization name: Animal Science Graduate Student Association

Name of department: Animal Science

NCSU campus address: Polk Hall 123, Box 7621

Departmental sponsor/Department head information:

Name: Robert M. Pethers (DGP)

Telephone number: [REDACTED]

Signature: [REDACTED]

Co-sponsor/co-endorser information:

Name: Emily C. Moore

Signature: [REDACTED]

GSA Chapter/Organization information of co-sponsor/co-endorser:

GSA chapter or organization name: Genetics Graduate Student Association

Name of department: Biological Sciences

Departmental sponsor/Department head information for co-sponsor/co-endorser:

Name: James W. Mahaffey

Telephone number: [REDACTED]

Signature: [REDACTED]

B. Budget & other sources of funding (please be detailed):

Item	Associated Cost
Flight	\$300.00
Hotel	\$254.00
Speaker's Meals	\$50.00
Seminar Luncheon (all talk invitees, based on RSVP)	\$300.00
Gift for Speaker	\$50.00
Honorarium	\$200.00

Total: \$1,154.00

Amount requesting: \$ 500.00

Other sources of income for this event:

We are in the process of reaching out to several agricultural companies to seek sponsorship of this event. We are estimating that \$200.00 will be obtained from this endeavor. Additionally, we are using funds obtained from our Animal Science GSA fall fundraiser to help cover this event, which will contribute \$300.00. The remaining cost of the event will be covered by our current Animal Science GSA funds which we also use to fund group meetings and other departmental events. We hope to recoup some of this cost with our spring fundraiser event scheduled for the end of March.

Date of activity: 03/03/2015

graduate/undergraduate students expected to attend: 40 / 5

C. Purpose of the event:

Please include:

1. Why you are requesting the block grant.

We are requesting this block grant to assist with the expenses that will be incurred for the 26th Annual Animal Science Invited Speaker event. The expenses associated with the successful preparation and implementation of this event are much greater in comparison to our annual budget.

Despite the cost, our group is committed to continuing the legacy of this program due to the benefits it offers students within our department as well as graduate students outside of our department. Our speaker this year is Dr. Kevin Wells, who is an animal geneticist and associate professor at the University of Missouri, where his research is focused on the production of transgenic animals. He is an alumnus of the Department of Genetics, and will offer a unique perspective compared to the previous speakers we have invited over the years. Traditionally, our speaker is either a representative from academia or industry; however, this year our speaker will be able to offer a different perspective as he initially began a successful career in the government sector before transitioning into private industry and then finally settling into academia.

Our GSA organization decided to seek an endorsement from the Genetics GSA as we believed that Dr. Wells' area of research would be of special interest to their students. Although we have obtained an endorsement from the Genetics GSA, we are not limiting our involvement to just our two organizations. We plan to reach out the College of Veterinary Medicine and the Prestage Department of Poultry Science to ensure a wide range of students can benefit from our invited speaker event.

2. The impact of the program on your department / NCSU graduate student community.

For the past 25 years, this event has served the many students that have passed through our program by providing them with both an educational and networking opportunity. The educational benefit that Dr. Wells would provide to the students in attendance is vast. His research experience will shed light on current and politicized societal issues such as cloning and the use of transgenics. It is important for the students in our department and those in the Genetics Department to be well informed of these issues as upcoming future leaders and representatives of the industry. Additionally, Dr. Wells has ties to the USDA, Revivcor Inc., and the National Swine Resource and Research Center and, therefore, would provide an excellent networking opportunity for students in attendance. As an added benefit of having this event endorsed by the Genetics GSA, students in attendance will get the opportunity to interact with students and faculty outside of their respective departments.

A. Any other additional information (past programs, etc.).

The Animal Science Invited Speaker series has been a testament to our graduate student association for over 25 years and has therefore had the opportunity to impact hundreds of students from multiple departments in that time period. An invited speaker's connection to our organization

and this university is not limited to just the speaker event itself. In fact, the speaker from last year has continued to interact with graduate students from a variety of different departments. Over the past year, he has graciously offered a guided tour of his farm to graduate students through the Sustainable Graduate Student Association. This event will only serve to strengthen the connection that graduate students have to the professional world, and provide an opportunity for additional collaboration for years to come.