

Helen Battle Research Professorship

Department of Biology,
The University of Western Ontario

Aim of the Helen Battle Research Professorship (HBRP): The main purpose of the Helen Battle Research Professorship fund is to promote and foster research activities within the Department of Biology that are of benefit to the larger department and to raise the research profile of the Department. Up to \$15,000 is available annually for one or more faculty to engage in activities related to research.

Priority will be given to activities that include or establish broader research collaboration in which the Department of Biology or Biology research facilities feature prominently. In selecting the HBRP recipient in any given year, the broader impact of the recipient's planned activities will be taken into account. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- undertaking the leadership of writing a major research grant for direct research costs or infrastructure development;
- establishing new graduate program collaborations with other institutes (where the new program has clear benefits to students enrolled in our Biology graduate program);
- fellowships in support of high profile visiting scientists (especially where there is real or potential interaction with multiple research groups);
- unique research opportunities that would benefit from reduced responsibilities in teaching and/or service.

Eligibility: All probationary/tenure stream faculty in the Department of Biology are eligible to apply for the HBRP, provided they have not held the award within the past three years. Normally, the HBRP will be awarded to an individual, though group applications are possible. In the latter case, the application PI would be named the Helen Battle Research Professor for the duration of the award. Individuals may be awarded a maximum of two HBRPs during their career.

Application Process: Applications for the HBRP will be due in the first week of January, and should consist of:

- cover page with project title and basic contact information for the Principle Investigator, and all co-applicants (if applicable)
- one page proposal describing the work to be conducted while the HBRP is held (excluding references)
- one page impact statement describing how the outcome of the work proposed will benefit the broader department
- a budget and budget justification outlining how the funds will be used.
- an up-to-date CV
- Submit the application as a pdf to Hillary Bain (hbain2@uwo.ca)

Eligible Expenses: The maximum award will be \$15,000 and may be used for direct research costs (e.g., materials, supplies, user fees, etc), teaching buy-out, travel directly related to the purpose of the proposal (e.g., for collaborators to meet, to visit related facilities and/or partner institutions, etc.).

Ineligible Expenses: Equipment, student stipends, conference travel, salaries (except in the case of a visiting professor).

Proposals will be reviewed and ranked by the Biology Research Committee, with the successful project announced by the end of March. (This timing allows adjustment to the teaching roster when course buy-outs are involved.)

DEADLINE: January 31

ANNOUNCEMENT: March 31

Funds will be made available April 1 in the fiscal year in which the award will be held.

