Grants-in-Aid, which range from $500 to $4,000 each, are available to help defray the costs of BIOS in-house charges. Many of the awards are endowed, ensuring the availability of a significant amount of funding each year.

Applications for Grants-in-Aid should be submitted to the Grants-in-Aid Program by February 15 for projects during that calendar year. Announcements of grant awards will be made by March 1st. Any grants not used during the calendar year awarded cannot be carried forward to another year. If your plans change, and you wish to postpone your research trip to another year, please inform the GIA coordinator so that this support can be used to assist others; you will need to re-submit your proposal for another year.

Please note that applicants are expected to provide part of their funding from sources other than BIOS. BIOS grants are intended as start-up funds on projects that will lead to continuing research efforts at BIOS; projects involving collaboration with BIOS scientists are encouraged. BIOS GIA awards can be used only to help defray the following BIOS-based costs: small boat rental, boat fuel, SCUBA tank fills, lab fees, specialized facilities fees (e.g. microscope), accommodation and dining hall meals. They do not cover travel, salary, personal expenses, or purchase of equipment/supplies.

Grant proposals should be concise and contain the following:

1. Abstract
2. Background, objectives, methods and significance of proposed research, including justification for choosing Bermuda as a site (4-6 pages)
3. Curriculum vitae
4. Budget, including requested support from BIOS and funding from other sources. For questions about applicable BIOS fees and rates, please email penelope.barnes@bios.edu

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