



山田養蜂場 みつばち研究助成基金

Yamada Bee Farm Grant for Honeybee Research

Guidelines for Applicants of 2009 – Urgent Application –

Yamada Apiculture Center, Inc.

2009 Yamada Bee Farm Grant for Honeybee Research 2009 is pleased to announce the launch of a new research grant in the field of Colony Collapse Disorder, CCD.

1. Background and Purpose

In 2006, Colony Collapse Disorder, CCD* where a massive number of honeybees (*Apis mellifera*s) abruptly disappear occurred at a significant rate in the U.S. This has become a global problem not only among the apiculturists but also among the farmers who use honeybees as pollinators. This phenomenon occurred not only in the U.S. but in various places throughout the world in rapid succession. Recently, massive death of honeybees has finally occurred in Japan, too.

Researchers throughout the world have been investing on the cause for CCD. Although several potential causes such as mites, pesticides, viruses, alimentary deficiency, or stresses have been suggested as the cause, an effective improvement measure or countermeasure for the apicultural field has not been identified yet, which therefore results in the apiculturists and farmers dependent on the honeybees facing a crisis situation.

Thus, there is a pressing need for verifying the cause at the apicultural field, and it is mandatory that apiculturists, those relevant with farming business, and researchers consider the countermeasures and verify their effectiveness for the purpose of supporting the global agricultural industry.

We therefore seek for researcher applicants who can plan and implement the research activities for this theme.

* Colony Collapse Disorder, CCD: A phenomenon where 50-90% of the honeybees in a colony disappear in a short period of time leaving no dead bees in or around the colony.

2. Eligible Applicants

Apiculturists or researchers those who are able to plan and execute the research to probe the cause of CCD and develop new, affordable and effective means of protection from CCD, and who are able to fill in application in Japanese or English.

3. Grant Theme

“Cause analysis and verification of the countermeasures against CCD”

4. Grant Amount

Approx. 3 million Yen

The Program board, on advisement from the Review Committee, may on occasion, and its discretion recommend an award in a less amount than requested and it considers more appropriate for the proposed studies.

All budgets are to be prepared in Japanese Yen. The exchange rate (between Japanese Yen and US dollar) used for calculating the Yen budget must be mentioned. Yamada Apiculture Center, Inc. reserve the right to increase or decrease approved funding in Japanese Yen amounts to compensate for any significant change in the exchange rate.

5. Review Criteria

- ① Applications which do not conform to this guideline are not accepted under any circumstances.
- ② In the Review Committee, higher priority is given to collaborative study between academic researchers, farmers and beekeepers.
- ③ Higher priority is given to researches in which preliminary results have already existed and in which investigation methods have already established.
- ④ Applicants who have been the grant recipients in the past are ineligible.

6. Research Period

Two years

7. Application Method

Download the application form in the Web site of the Institute for Bee Products and Health Science and apply by sending the application form via e-mail.

◆ Website of Institute for Bee Products & Health Science : <http://www.bee-lab.jp/>

8. Due Dates for Application

From July 29 to August 20, 2009 (until 17:00 Japan Time)

9. Determination of Investigators to be funded

Applications will be subject to scientific review by a Review Committee. Funding will require approval by a Program Board in Yamada Apiculture Center, Inc. It is anticipated that applications will be received, reviewed and approved for funding. Investigators to be funded will receive a notice-e mail and be announced on the website of Institute for Bee Products & Health Science. Note that we will not respond to any inquiries concerning the reasons of the determination. We recommend you to see “5. Review Criteria”.

10. Other Notes

(1) Submission of an Agreement

The researcher to be granted must submit an agreement concerning the granted research. For the agreement details, refer to the website of Institute For Bee Products & Health Science.

(2) Reporting Requirements

The interim and final scientific progress reports with a balance report must be submitted within 30 days after the half and the end of the project period.

Investigators must provide Honeybee Information Center, Yamada Apiculture Center, Inc. with copies of papers accepted for publication, and must acknowledge the support of the Program in all written material by use of the phrase: “This work was supported by a Yamada Bee Farm Grant”.

Investigators may be invited to lecture their scientific achievements in seminars held by Yamada Apiculture Center, Inc.

(3) Termination of the Grant and Request for Refunding

It is the responsibility of recipient of the grant to fully understand and comply with the requirements. Failure to comply may result in the request for refunding the full amount or a part of the grant.

Failures are : submitting no reports by the deadline to be scheduled; finding a significant difference between the research details and which details presented when applying; reporting the results that have already presented before the granted research duration; not conforming to the entries of an agreement.

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