

The following questions are compiled from e-mails, letters and phone calls that we receive regarding the application and acceptance process. If you have any further questions, feel free to contact us at the email address below.

1. I understand that there has been a “pause” in soy research at NIH. Will I be able to secure any funding?

The pause in soy is only in effect at the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM). Other NIH agencies will still entertain applications for soy research. Consult with an NIH program officer for the NIH agency you wish to target.

2. Is there anything new in the SHRP program?

Yes! SHRP is now accepting applications from new as well as senior researchers. Previously, you had to have been a PI on a prior NIH grant. Now, the program has been opened up to include qualified investigators at legitimate institutions, whether or not they have had prior NIH grants.

3. Am I really expected to conduct a major soy-related project with \$10,000?

No. The \$10,000 (or \$20,000 if you’re the grand prize winner!) is not for you to do the research you propose. We hope you secure NIH funds for that. The \$10,000 is an incentive for the writing of NIH grants.

4. When are applications due to the SHRP program?

Applications are due to the program by March 15, 2011. Selected applicants would then be required to submit full grant proposals to NIH to meet the June or October, NIH deadlines.

5. What types of proposals does SHRP accept?

SHRP welcomes any innovative proposals dedicated to research on soy and human health. In addition to welcoming proposals dealing with soy protein, isoflavones, etc., funds have been earmarked for at least two proposals dealing with soybean oil and human health. However, if oil proposals of high merit are not received, the earmarked funds will be used for other proposals.

6. If I receive a SHRP Award, what can I do with the \$10,000?

The SHRP award is made to your institution on your behalf; there are few limitations. The award is made to support the work of the researcher and you may use it as you see fit to advance your scientific objectives.



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