

Connecticut Academy-DPH Biomedical Proposal Review Project

The Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering (CASE) is seeking reviewers in 2010 for proposals to the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) for biomedical research grants-in-aid in the fields of heart disease, cancer and tobacco-related diseases.

The work of CASE reviewers who participated in early 2009 was key to assisting DPH in identifying the top seven projects for funding. It is a benefit to have reviewers from industry, to help in avoiding conflicts of interest, while still covering many areas of expertise.

In 2010, there is nearly \$2,000,000 available for distribution through a competitive Request for Proposal process. The proposal review period is pending release of the RFP, which will take place between April and May.

Reviewer responsibilities:

- Review and score each applicant and confer with secondary reviewer in accordance with criteria and on forms specified by DPH
- Provide written findings narratives and ratings for each applicant in accordance with DPH criteria

Last year 21 reviewers averaged 3 proposals; however, having more volunteers will help spread the workload. Reviewers reported an average of 3-5 hours per review in 2009.

CASE will send out summaries of the proposals and ask reviewers to identify those that they would be comfortable reviewing. The aim is to limit each reviewer to two proposals.

If you are interested in serving, contact Ann G. Bertini, Assistant Director for Programs, at anngbertini@ctcase.org or 860-527-2161.

Thank you for your consideration.