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**North American Pollinator Protection Campaign
Call for Research Proposals Related to Honey Bee Health**

The North American Pollinator Protection Campaign is seeking proposals for research related to improving honey bee health. Funding for these grants has been generously provided by Burt's Bees (http://www.pollinator.org/Honeybee_Health.htm). Selection of proposals will be conducted by members of the Honey Bee Health Improvement Task Force.

In total, \$32,000 will be available, and will support 2-4 research proposals. Funds must be used within a one year period. Focused, targeted projects with a high likelihood of providing tangible results that can be applied to improving honey bee health are preferred. The HBHI Task Force has identified four priority areas for funding:

1. Effects of climate or environmental variables on: a) plants, especially nectar and pollen quantity and quality; and/or b) honey bee physiology and/or colony health
2. Effects of nutrition on honey bee physiology and/or colony health
3. Effects of sublethal doses of pesticides (including miticides) on honey bee physiology and/or colony health
4. Genetic stock improvement: Identification of traits that can be targeted for selection to improve honey bee health, especially tolerance or resistance of pathogens or pests; development of rapid screening and assay methods for these genetic traits

Proposals should be 2-3 pages in length, with sufficient background and methodology to ascertain the importance and feasibility of the studies. A detailed budget should be included; this budget should include funds for the principal investigator to attend the annual NAPPC International Summit in Washington, DC to present the results of the research. As a nonprofit organization, NAPPC does not pay overhead on funded research grants.

Please send your proposal by electronic mail to Jennifer Tsang (jt@coevolution.org) by December 20, 2007. Contact Barry Thompson (BHT1113@aol.com) with questions. The proposals will be evaluated by members of the HBHI Task Force, and funding decisions will be made by February 1, 2008.

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