

Montana University System New Academic Program Proposal Summary

Campus: The University of Montana--Missoula	Item Number: 122-1005-R0104
Program Title: Division of Biological Sciences	Date: March 25-26, 2004

1. How does this program advance the campus' academic mission and fit priorities?
 The University of Montana—Missoula provides basic and applied research as well as service benefiting the local community, region, State, nation, and world. A Center for avian research would promote and conduct high caliber, basic avian research as well as service-oriented avian research and monitoring for public and private agencies within Montana.

2. How does this program fit the Board of Regents' goals and objectives?
 The program is consistent with the Vision and Goals of the Montana University System especially with regard to fostering scientific development and technology transfer while being responsive to market, employment, and economic development needs. The Center would also expand community involvement, service and outreach to the citizens of Montana by monitoring wildlife and offering curricula including bird identification, teacher education, field excursions, lecture series, and the development of a web-based educational program.

3. How does this program support or advance Montana's needs and interests?
 The Center would offer statewide educational opportunities, provide valuable applied research and monitoring service to the state and manage a large multi-agency data set from across the entire region, thereby establishing a science-based form of service, information dissemination, and outreach to citizens of Montana.

4. How will this program contribute to economic development in Montana? (Note projected annual economic impact both regionally and statewide.)
 The Center would offer education to students of all ages and provide research and monitoring services to the state and the region, leading to cost savings and the opportunity to attract federal and private foundation funds.

5. What is the Program's planned capacity?

Break-even point? NA

Enrollments/year? NA

Graduates/year? NA

MT jobs/year?

NA

6. Resource Allocation

Total program budget? \$

304,010

Faculty FTE?

Staff FTE?

Does this program require new resources? Amount?

No

How will the campus fund the program?

Federal funds

If internal reallocation is necessary, name the sources.