THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO AND THE MARINE BIOLOGICAL LABORATORY announce the 2015 Lillie Research Award Program that will provide funding for scientists to develop novel, collaborative projects based at the MBL that will lead to transformative biological discoveries.

The initiative is known as the Frank R. Lillie Research Innovation Awards, in honor of the early 20th-century embryologist who served as the MBL’s second director and as chair of UChicago’s Department of Zoology. These awards acknowledge the expanding affiliation between the two institutions.

Awards will be open to teams of collaborators from the MBL research community and will require a PI whose primary appointment is in the MBL resident research program and a PI from the University of Chicago or Argonne National Laboratory. Awards are open to individuals of faculty-level principal-investigator rank.

Two Lillie Awards will be made. Each will provide $125,000 in funds to cover a two-year research project. They are intended to bring together interdisciplinary teams that have not collaborated before, for a project that represents a new area of inquiry for the investigators. The goal is to stimulate more “blue sky” thinking by investigators that can lead to external funding with a consortium of collaborators working together on a big problem.

Teams who receive the Lillie Awards will be able to develop their projects over a period including two or three successive summers, working in residence as a team at the MBL, in addition to continued progress on the project during the traditional academic years in between MBL visits.

Deadline for applications is December 1, 2014. Two, 2-year awards will be announced no later than March 1, 2015.

FOR INFORMATION AND TO APPLY, VISIT: www.mbl.edu/research/frank-r-lillie-research-innovation-award/
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