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Policy: Sabbatical Scholars

Definitions:

1) Targeted Sabbatical Scholars

- **a.** NESCent offers two Targeted Sabbatical programs: (1) a program for faculty from minority-serving institutions to engage in research and educational scholarship, and (2) a program for Distinguished Scholars, designed to allow senior researchers to archive extensive data collections.
- b. Sabbaticals may be last between 91 days to 1 year in duration.

2) Traditional Sabbatical Scholars

- a. Traditional Sabbatical Scholars reside at NESCent for up to an academic year with a focus on ambitious, synthetic research on any aspect of evolutionary biology and relevant disciplines.
- b. Sabbaticals may be last between 91 days to 1 year in duration.

NESCent will provide funds based on the following guidelines:

- 1) The sabbatical stipend is paid directly to the scholar's home institution upon verification of salary. Stipends may be awarded as follows:
- <u>Targeted</u> Minimum stipend for a Targeted Sabbatical is \$75,000. Targeted Sabbatical Scholars receive stipend equivalent to annual salary compensation at home institution while in residence at NESCent
- <u>Traditional</u> Minimum stipend for Traditional Sabbatical is \$37,500. Traditional Sabbatical Scholars receive the equivalent of one half of their salary while in residence at NESCent (50% of their 9- or 12-month salary, based on verified compensation at the home institution).

- 2) <u>Living-allowance stipend</u> (housing allowance) is available up to \$1,000/mo for all sabbatical scholars. To receive reimbursement for housing expenses, Sabbatical Scholar must submit original receipt from landlord monthly to NESCent for reimbursement.
- 3) A <u>two-month Summer Stipend</u> may be available on a case-by-case basis. Summer Scholar receives housing reimbursement as defined above and must submit original receipt of lodging monthly to NESCent.
- 4) NESCent does not provide travel funds for any Sabbatical Scholars.

To apply for a NESCent Sabbatical Scholar award, please visit: http://www.nescent.org/science/halfsabbatical.php