VRL | Kalter / Heberling Annual Diagnostic Research Grant

Overview:
VRL invites any academic researcher to submit a short abstract (<500 words) stating how our diagnostic services can benefit your research. VRL will award one (1) winner with full access to our non-human primates, small animals, zebrafish testing menu in virology, bacteriology, parasitology, clinical pathology, necropsy and environmental testing.

Award Terms and Conditions:
- (1) $10,000 grant to be used for VRL testing services during a 12-month period
- Total grant must be redeemed within 12 months following award announcement
- After 12 months, remaining portion of unused grant will expire and cannot be redeemed for VRL testing services
- Award winner grants VRL unlimited rights to publish and distribute winning abstract

Application Deadline:
12/15/2026

Criteria for Selection of Winning Submission:
Winning submission will be selected by a committee and the abstract should demonstrate how your research will impove people's lives.

Award Announcement:
Funded winner will be informed and winner's abstract will be posted on www.vrl.net and LinkedIn on 1/1/2027

Eligibility:
Applicants who are employed in academic facilities

Confidentiality:
We agree to maintain in confidence all of your proprietary and nonpublic materials, data, reports, records, technical and other information and to use such confidential information only for the purpose of performing analyses of specimens and providing reports on our findings to you. In any instance where information is subpoenaed by, and must be released to, a governmental agency, or is otherwise required to be disclosed pursuant to law or regulation, we will promptly notify you. You authorize us to reference, use and disclose de-identified and aggregated data included in our analyses, reports or other services provided that such de-identified and aggregated data is combined with other de-identified data from other clients. You agree not to use the VRL name and/or data in any manner that might cause harm to our reputation and/or business. Under no circumstances is the name of VRL to be published—either alone or in association with that of any other party—without our approval in writing.

The application form can be downloaded here.

Completed abstract should be emailed to Dennis Pitts, dennis.pitts@vrl.net.
Please use the subject line, "VRL Research Grant Submission".

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Seymour S. Kalter, Ph.D. March 19, 1918 – October 17, 2007

Dr. Seymour Kalter was dedicated to the understanding of viruses and communicable Diseases. He was the Chief, Virus Diagnostic Unit of the CDC in Atlanta, Georgia from 1956 until 1961 when to took the position of Chief, Virology Section, USAF School of Aerospace Medicine, at the Brooks Air Force Base in Texas. He eventually connected with the Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research at which he held several high level positions. He then started the Virus Reference Laboratory in San Antonio, Texas with Richard Heberling, PhD. He was active in the World Health Organization as Chairman of Simian Studies and stood on the Board for the CTRC. Dr. Kalter had many discoveries and contributions to the understanding of viruses.

Richard L. Heberling, Ph.D. May 5, 1926 – November 25, 2005

When Dr. Heberling returned from the U.S. Navy after serving in WWII he began his education and career in Microbiology and Virology at the National Cancer Institute, and then in 1967 moving to work for the Southwest Foundation for Research and Education as the Foundation Scientist. Dr. Heberling and colleagues advanced the field of diagnostic virology and serologic testing in the laboratory and in the field studying the pathology of simian viruses for various species resulting in over 100 peer – reviewed scientific publications. In 1988 Dr. Heberling co-founded the Virus Reference Lab with Dr. Kalter.

About VRL:

For over 30 years VRL has been providing diagnostic services to biomedical researchers from Academic, Pharmaceutical and Government researchers. VRL excels at providing quality diagnostic test, consultative client service with the goal of help exceling research to improve human lives.

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