





TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: Mark Schaming 
SUBJECT: National Science Foundation Grant Transfer
DATE: December 28, 2023
AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent)

Should the Board of Regents approve the transfer of James Lendemer's remaining \$410,000 of a \$750,000 National Science Foundation Grant to the USNY Regents Research Fund?

Reason for Consideration

Review of policy.

Proposed Handling

The proposed grant transfer is submitted to the Full Board for adoption at the January 2024 Regents meeting.

Procedural History

Not applicable.

Background Information

James Lendemer, our new curator of botany, has \$410,000 left on a \$750,000 National Science Foundation grant. The grant aims at understanding lichen biogeography in the Appalachian Mountains and will involve field work and travel.

The grant budget will mainly involve travel for fieldwork, hiring a temporary project/collections manager, and supporting a CUNY PhD graduate student.

This grant will result in thousands of samples coming into the New York State Museum botany collections. So far, James has already brought over 15,000 specimens to the museum. Additionally, James will use these specimens to publish peer-reviewed journal articles, of which he has published more than 200 to date.

Related Regents Items

Not Applicable

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Regents take the following action:

VOTED: That the transfer of James Lendemer's National Science Foundation Grant to the USNY Regents Research Fund be approved.

Timetable for Implementation

If adopted at the January 2024 meeting, the remaining steps necessary to transfer the grant will be initiated.