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From: Caleb Harper <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, Jun 18, 2018 at 11:52 AM

Subject: Re:

To: "jeffrey E." <jeevacation@gmail.com>

That's exciting to hear -

Arielle wanted to get out of the lab and move back to NYC with her husband - got a book deal and is consulting a food television show I think. She is still around as a directors fellow and is a resource as needed.

Molecular biologist just wasn't working out in terms of progress - not sure what he is doing now - probably going back to neuroscience (I got him from the broad institute hoping his background could be usefully applied out of discipline in plant science)

On Mon, Jun 18, 2018 at 11:40 AM jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

not of of the ballpark , can talk later in the weekm, what happened to the two you let go

On Mon, Jun 18, 2018 at 11:32 AM, Caleb Harper <[REDACTED]> wrote:

I've ordered it :) thx

To do this id need to add depth to my bio team, that's by far my weakest team in the lab currently. I recently let contracts lapse on Arielle and my molecular biologist as it wasn't working out. I'd want to add the following team and would need to do a search to get the best. MIT won't let me hire PhD Research Scientists, and likely quality people wouldn't accept, without secure multiyear funding. I'd propose 500k a yr for 3 yrs with the expectation we evaluate progress after year one as to year 2 and 3. The transparent cost break down is:

PhD plant physiologist - 80k base salary +56% mit research OH (none goes to my lab or ML) + 20% benefits = 149, 760 k total cost

PhD plant biochemist - 100k base salary + 56% mit research OH + 20% benefits = 187k total cost

Plant science tech (JR) - 40k * 20% administrative OH - 48k total cost

100k prototyping budget + 20% material & services OH = 120k total cost

= 500k a year / 3yrs

On my side I'll dedicate 2 out of our 4 shipping containers for 3 years (target paid for install / dev etc but with stock price decline is stopping support for non essential research) and my salary is covered in other sponsored accounts plus my team of engineers on staff (backend /front end software, data science , electrical, embedded systems and mechanical engineers)

I know it's a big ask, and would understand if it's out of ball park, but I think that's what it would take to make meaningful and rigorous progress on figuring out if plants can think and communicate

Thoughts?

On Sun, Jun 17, 2018 at 6:10 PM jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:
ill fund it, mancuso also fun, .

On Sun, Jun 17, 2018 at 6:08 PM, Caleb Harper <[REDACTED]> wrote:
Very...I wonder if I can prove it 🤔

On Sun, Jun 17, 2018 at 5:57 PM jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:
fun isnt it

On Sun, Jun 17, 2018 at 2:31 PM, Caleb Harper <[REDACTED]> wrote:



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