Action Requested: Recommend approval of Iowa State University’s request to terminate the Center for Plant Genomics.

The Council of Provosts and the Board office support this request.

Background: The Center for Plant Genomics (CPG) conducted research and provided graduate education at the frontiers of structural and functional genomics. The CPG contributed to the training of graduate students and early-career scientists in an environment that emphasized the use of high-throughput technologies to address significant biological questions. Access to these and other technologies enable students to explore new ideas and think in new ways about what research can and should be performed.

Rationale for request to close: The center’s activities are no longer relevant or have been subsumed into the larger Plant Sciences Institute.

Impact of closure: There are no anticipated impacts on other units since the only remaining relevant activities have already been integrated into the Plant Sciences Institute.