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Subject: NIH Bridges to the Baccalaureate Program (R25) PAR-17-210
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The Office of the Vice President for Research is requesting emails of interest for **two** different NIH funding opportunities:

- 1) Bridges to the Baccalaureate Program (R25); and
- 2) Bridges to the Doctorate Program (R25)

The **Bridges to the Baccalaureate Program** will support creative educational activities with a primary focus on *Courses for Skills Development, Research Experiences, and Curriculum or Methods Development*. A program application must include each activity and describe how they will be synergized to make a comprehensive program. The Bridges to the Baccalaureate Program is intended to provide these activities to community college students to increase transition to, and completion of, Bachelor's degrees in biomedical sciences. This program requires partnerships between community colleges or other two-year post-secondary educational institutions granting the associate degree with colleges or universities that offer the baccalaureate degree. Additionally, recruitment and retention plans are required as part of the application. For additional information: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-17-210.html>. Application budgets are limited to \$300,000 direct costs per year. Indirect costs are reimbursed at 8% of modified total direct costs.

The **Bridges to the Doctorate Program** will support creative educational activities with a primary focus on *Courses for Skills Development and Research Experiences* and is intended to provide these educational activities to Master's level students to increase transition to and completion of PhDs in biomedical sciences. A program application must include both educational activities, and describe how they will be synergized to make a comprehensive program. This program requires partnerships between master's degree-granting institutions and doctorate degree-granting institutions, and also requires recruitment and retention plans as part of the application. For additional information: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-17-209.html>. Application budgets are limited to \$300,000 direct costs per year. Indirect costs are reimbursed at 8% of modified total direct costs.

Applicant organizations may only submit ***one*** application as the Lead Institution for **each** program. If you are interested in submitting a proposal to either of these programs, please send a statement of interest with a tentative project title and a brief description (200 words) by **noon, Friday, August 25, 2017**. Please be sure to note which program you are interested in applying to. Submit your statement of interest via e-mail to limited@unm.edu and add either of the following to the subject line: **NIH Bridges to Baccalaureate – your name *or* NIH Bridges to Doctorate - your name**. Based on the number of e-mail responses received for each, the Limited Competitions Management Team may announce a call for preproposals. Please distribute this notice to departments and individuals whom you believe would be interested.

The NIH deadline for full proposal submissions is September 25, 2017.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at limited@unm.edu.

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