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Subject: MARC Undergraduate Student Training in Academic Research (U-STAR) National Research Service Award (NRSA) Institutional Research Training Grant (T34) – PAR-13-205

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The purpose of the Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) Undergraduate Student Training in Academic Research (U-STAR) Institutional Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Training program is to assist undergraduate institutions to increase the number of well-prepared underrepresented (UR) students who, within three years of graduation, matriculate into competitive/research active Ph.D. or combined M.D.-Ph.D. programs in the biomedical and behavioral sciences, go on to research careers and will be available to participate in NIH-funded research. The program provides grants to institutions with significant enrollment of students from groups underrepresented in the biomedical and behavioral sciences that propose well-integrated developmental activities designed to strengthen students' academic preparation, research training and professional skills that are critical to the completion of the Ph.D. degree in the biomedical and behavioral sciences.

The maximum project period for Kirschstein NRSA T34 Institutional training grants is 5 years. Application budgets are not limited, but need to reflect actual needs of the proposed academic and research training program. Because the nature and scope of the proposed research training will vary from application to application, it is anticipated that the size and duration of each award will also vary. Grantees are expected to be familiar with and comply with applicable cost policies and the NRSA Guidelines (NIH Grants Policy Statement -Institutional Research Training Grants). More details can be found at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-13-205.html>. The deadline for the full proposal to the agency is May 25, 2014.

This is a limited competition; each institution is limited to one proposal. Please submit your 3-page preproposal (plus budget and CV; all documents in a SINGLE PDF file, 11 point font) by NOON on Friday, April 4, 2014 to limited@unm.edu with the subject line indicating: NIH PAR-13-205 - your name. No late submissions will be considered. The pre-proposal should address the major points that will be included in the proposal narrative (including: overall impact of the planned program, program's potential to increase diversity, availability of potential mentors to serve program, and recruitment plan to identify potential trainees, and plan for program evaluation). The narrative should be accompanied by a **draft budget overview** and an **abbreviated PI CV**. The scoring will be weighted as follows: proposal narrative (70%), draft budget overview (15%), and abbreviated PI CV (15%).

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact Susan De Los Santos (sdelossa@unm.edu or 277-0272) or Monica Fishel (mlfishel@unm.edu or 277-8114).

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