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Subject: Limited Competitions: NIH: NIMHD Specialized Centers of Excellence on Minority Health and Health Disparities (U54) (RFA-MD-17-005)

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The NIMHD Centers of Excellence program, established by Minority Health and Health Disparities Research and Education Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-525), has played a vital role in realizing NIMHD's mission to support research in minority health and health disparities, promote the training of a diverse research workforce, disseminate research findings, and foster innovative collaborations and partnerships. The purpose of this FOA is to further advance NIMHD's mission by supporting Centers of Excellence to conduct transdisciplinary, multi-level research and to provide research opportunities for post-doctoral fellows, junior faculty, and other early stage investigators to engage in this type of research.

NIMHD intends to commit \$20 million in FY 2017 to fund up to 15 awards. Award budgets are limited to \$950,000 in direct costs annually for up to 5 years. More details can be found at <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MD-17-005.html>. Full proposals are due May 15, 2017.

This is a limited competition; each institution is limited to one proposal. If you are interested in submitting a proposal, send a statement of interest with a tentative project title, brief description, and the names of up to three Research Project Leaders (200 words) by **noon, Thursday, March 16, 2017** via e-mail to limited@unm.edu **with the subject line: NIMHD – your name**. Based on the e-mail responses received, the Limited Competition Management Team may announce a call for preproposals. Please distribute this notice to departments and individuals whom you believe would be interested.

If you are affiliated with HSC, contact Corey Ford at 272-6950 for more information.