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Office of the Vice President for Research

Subject: Limited Competitions: Simons Foundation *Investigators in the Mathematical Modeling of Living Systems Program*

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The Office of the Vice President for Research is requesting statements of interest concerning nominations for the Simons Foundation *Investigators in the Mathematical Modeling of Living Systems (MMLS)* program, a joint program of the Mathematics and Physical Sciences and Life Sciences divisions of the Simons Foundation. Investigators in MMLS are outstanding scientists, often with mathematics or theoretical physics backgrounds, now engaged in research based on mathematical modeling in the life sciences.

The intent of the MMLS program is to help the research careers of outstanding scientists working on mathematical and theoretical approaches to topics in the life sciences. Nominees to the program should be in the early stages of an academic career and must be within ten years of the start of his/her first faculty position. For information on the typical profile of successful nominees, you are encouraged to visit their website, where the previous awardees may be found:

<https://www.simonsfoundation.org/mathematics-and-physical-science/simons-investigators/simons-investigators-awardees/#mmls>.

In 2019, the foundation expects to appoint up to seven Simons Investigators in MMLS. A Simons Investigator in MMLS is appointed for a period of five years. Appointments will begin August 1, 2019. An Investigator will receive research support in the amount of \$100,000 per year. An additional \$10,000 per year will be provided to the Investigator's department. The award will be administered through the Investigator's institution, which will receive an additional 20 percent per year in indirect costs. The deadline to submit nomination applications is October 31, 2018, at 11:59pm EST. Please see the attachment for further information.

This is a limited competition. The foundation will accept up to two (2) nominations per university. If you are interested in being nominated or nominating someone please send a statement of interest with a brief abstract explaining the distinctive scientific contributions of the nominee focusing on scientific accomplishments of the past five years and including discussion of a few important papers. (maximum 1 page pdf) via e-mail to limited@unm.edu by **noon, Wednesday, August 1, 2018**. 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.

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

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