THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO.

From: Faculty Research Development Office
          Office of the Vice President for Research

Subject: Limited Competition: 1907 Trailblazer Award

Date: May 4, 2021

Dear UNM Researchers,

The 1907 Trailblazer Award was established to encourage high-impact, step-change approaches to research in the brain and mind sciences for mental health. In addition to supporting a specific research project, the Award intends to increase the size of the talent pool of early career investigators researching causes & cures for mental illness. Applicants must be independent researchers with a strong track record of scientific publications relevant to their research program AND be within ten years of the date their PhD/MD degree was awarded with full-time employment guaranteed for the duration of the project.

Applications for the 1907 Trailblazer Award should describe programs of work that aim to improve knowledge and outcomes of psychiatric illness through brain-mind research. Eligible disciplines include but are not limited to neuroscience, neurology, psychology, psychiatry, cognitive neuroscience, clinical psychology, computational neuroscience, neuroimaging, genetics and engineering (including novel technologies and devices). We particularly encourage research that involves human patients, but projects can also focus on well-validated animal models, and/or on psychiatrically-relevant research in healthy humans or conceptual/theoretical work. The projects can be framed around a single disorder or can be transdiagnostic, e.g. with an emphasis on shared risk factors (genetic or environmental) or common neural substrates. For projects in basic science, applicants who provide an in-depth understanding of the disorder(s) they are trying to treat will be prioritized.

The 1907 Trailblazer Award provides $100,000 in an Unrestricted Gift for research & administrative costs, a $20,000 Prize directly payable to the award recipient (50% after year 1, 50% after year 2), and Annual Meeting travel & expenses for two years. As a charitable organization, they request that institutions do not apply indirect costs or overheads to these awards. More details can be found at: https://www.1907-research.org/apply.

Nominations from the University of New Mexico must be received by June 15, 2021 with full proposals from the nominees due to the sponsor by June 30, 2021.

This is a limited competition; each institution (distinguished by DUNS number) is limited to two nominations. Please submit your 2-page preproposal (plus Head of Department Letter of Support, draft research budget, and abbreviated nominee CV; all documents in a

SINGLE PDF file, 11 point font) by NOON on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 to limited@unm.edu **with the subject line indicating: 1907 - your name.** No late submissions will be considered.

The <u>Head of Department Letter of Support</u> (1-page limit) should be from a Dean or department chair attesting to the applicant's suitability for the Award and the institution's commitment to supporting the applicant's project, including any additional or in-kind commitment of resources, including but not limited to relief from teaching/admin duties. The letter should also include whether the department agrees that the Award can be used completely by the Awardee. If some contribution to indirect costs is needed, the letter of support should state how much of the US$100,000 (up to a maximum of $10,000) will be used in this way and explain why.

The <u>preproposal</u> should include:
1. What is the novel idea and what is the potential impact to the field? Explain the novel idea in lay terms. What does it hope to achieve? How can it empower others in the field to identify causes & cures?
2. What is your execution plan and why are you uniquely positioned to execute? What tools, resources and relationships do you have to enable you to complete the research? How do you anticipate the US$100,000 research gift to be used?

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

If you are affiliated with HSC, please contact Corey Ford (CFord@salud.unm.edu) or Cassandra Misenar (CMisenar@salud.unm.edu) for more information.