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The NIGMS Bridges to the Doctorate Program provides the opportunity to enhance the pool of students from groups underrepresented in biomedical and behavioral sciences who go on to research careers in these fields, and who are available to participate in NIH-funded research. The program promotes partnerships/consortia between colleges or universities granting a terminal master's degree with institutions that grant Ph.D. degrees in biomedical and behavioral sciences. The Bridges to the Doctorate Program enables joint efforts of master's degree-granting and doctorate degree-granting institutions that will foster the development of a well-integrated institutional program that will provide students with the necessary academic preparation and skills to enable their transition and successful completion of the doctorate degree in biomedical and behavioral sciences.

The long-term goal of the Bridges to the Doctorate Program is to enhance the pool of students from groups nationally underrepresented in biomedical and behavioral sciences who go on to research careers in these fields. The short-term goal of the program is to increase the number of students who transition from a terminal master's degree-granting institution to a doctorate degree-granting institution, with subsequent career advancement in the biomedical and behavioral sciences. The specific objective of this program is to develop and implement an integrated plan of individual and institutional activities that will increase students' preparation and skills as they advance academically in the pursuit of the doctorate degree in biomedical and behavioral sciences.

The number of awards is contingent upon NIH appropriations and the submission of a sufficient number of meritorious applications. Application budgets are limited to \$250,000 direct costs, per year. The scope of the proposed budget should determine the project period. The maximum project period is 5 years. More details can be found at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-13-341.html>. The deadline for the full proposal to the agency is September 25, 2014.

This is a limited competition; only one (1) proposal may be submitted per institution. Please submit your 3-page preproposal (plus budget and CV; all documents in a SINGLE PDF file, 11 point font) by NOON on Friday, August 15, 2014 to limited@unm.edu with the subject line indicating: NIH-PAR-13-341 - your name. No late submissions will be considered. The preproposal narrative should include a description of an integrated plan of individual and institutional activities that will increase students' preparation and skills as they advance academically in the pursuit of the doctorate degree in biomedical and behavioral sciences; provide rationale for, and a description of each activity proposed; a description of how the activities will enhance the pool of students from groups nationally underrepresented in biomedical and behavioral sciences who go on to research careers in these fields and an evaluation plan. 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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