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

Subject: Limited Competition: NIH Centers of Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE) (P20)

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UNM Researchers,

The Office of the Vice President for Research is requesting statements of interest for the NIH Centers of Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE) (P20) program. Only one application from main campus is allowed. COBRE proposals are complex and require significant planning, institutional support, a multidisciplinary and collaborative environment, and career development guidance to junior investigators. *The OVPR is requesting statements of interest to determine if an internal competition between eligible PIs will be necessary.* PI's must submit a statement of interest by the due date below to be considered eligible to participate in an internal competition.

The COBRE funding initiative supports establishment and development of innovative, state-of-the-art biomedical and behavioral research centers at institutions in IDeA-eligible states through awards for three sequential five-year phases. The program allows Direct Costs up to \$1.5M/year. Research supported by this program spans the full spectrum of basic, clinical, or translational research, including community engagement and outreach research, as appropriate, and must have a thematic scientific focus in an area of health-related investigation. Applications addressing health challenges of rural populations are encouraged.

Full proposals are due to the NIH on January 28, 2020.

Faculty are strongly encouraged to review the funding announcement at <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/pa-19-313.html> before submitting a statement of interest.

The statement of interest **must** include:

Theme (200 words maximum): describe the scientific focus in a specific research area that uses basic, clinical, and/or translational research approaches, including community engagement and outreach research.

PI (Current NIH Biosketch): describe the PI's current research focus, and include a listing of current relevant peer-reviewed funding (NIH, NSF, or other Federal or non-Federal investigator-initiated support) and evidence of administrative leadership.

Individual research projects: Identify at least 3-5 potential (eligible) junior faculty in complementary disciplines who might be included in the COBRE proposal.

Please send your statement of interest addressing the items listed above as a single PDF document by **Monday, September 9, 2019** via email to limited@unm.edu.

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 Misenaar (CMisenaar@salud.unm.edu) for more information.