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Subject: Limited Competition: NIH, Initiative for Maximizing Student Development (IMSD) (T32 – Clinical Trial Not Allowed), (PAR-24-031)

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Dear UNM Researchers,

The Overarching Objective of the **Initiative for Maximizing Student Development (IMSD) (T32)** program is to strengthen research training environments and promote broader participation in the biomedical research workforce by expanding the pool of well-trained scientists earning Ph.D. degrees, for example, encouraging the inclusion of individuals from underrepresented groups (see [Notice of NIH's Interest in Diversity](#)). This funding opportunity provides support to eligible, domestic institutions to develop and implement effective, evidence-informed approaches to biomedical graduate training and mentoring that will keep pace with the rapid evolution of the biomedical research enterprise. NIH expects that the proposed research training programs will incorporate didactic, research, mentoring, and career development elements to prepare trainees for careers that will have a significant impact on the health-related research needs of the United States.

NIGMS training programs that aim to promote broader participation in the biomedical research workforce are intended to provide research training opportunities to students from the breadth of biomedical disciplines at the organization. NIGMS recognizes the heterogeneity of biomedical Ph.D. training opportunities at applicant organizations. For example, some organizations have multiple departments that grant Ph.Ds. relevant to the NIH mission, while others have a single biomedically-relevant Ph.D. program. Organizations with multiple biomedical Ph.D. granting departments are expected to come together to provide research training opportunities in the breadth of biomedical research disciplines available at the organization. Organizations with a single biomedical Ph.D. granting department relevant to the [NIGMS mission](#) are also encouraged to apply.

Application budgets are not limited but need to reflect the actual needs of the proposed project. Grantees are expected to be familiar with and comply with applicable cost policies and the NRSA Guidelines ([NIH Grants Policy Statement - Institutional Research Training Grants](#)). Funds may be used only for those expenses that are directly related to and necessary for the research training and must be expended in conformance with OMB Cost Principles, the [NIH Grants Policy Statement](#), and the NRSA regulations, policies, guidelines, and conditions set forth in the FOA. Awards may be for project periods up to five years in duration and are renewable. Indirect Costs (F&A) are reimbursed at 8% of modified total direct costs (exclusive of tuition and fees, consortium costs in excess of \$25,000, and expenditures

for equipment), rather than on the basis of a negotiated rate agreement. More details can be found in the solicitation: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-24-031.html>. The deadline for submitting full proposals to the agency is **January 29, 2024**.

This is a limited competition. **Each institution is limited to ONE application as lead.** If you are interested in applying to this program, please submit a statement of interest with a tentative project title and a brief description (200 words) by **NOON on December 5, 2023** via UNM's **InfoReady Review portal**. This is a required step, and no late submissions will be accepted. Based on the number of responses received, the Limited Competitions Management Team may announce a call for pre-proposals.

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

If you are affiliated with HSC, please contact HSC Limited Competition at HSC-LimitedComps@salud.unm.edu for more information.