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Subject: Limited Competition: NIH, Collaborative Program Grant for Multidisciplinary Teams (RM1-Clinical Trail Optional) (PAR-23-077)

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Dear UNM Researchers,

The **NIH Collaborative Program Grant for Multidisciplinary Teams** funding opportunity is designed to support highly integrated research teams of three to six Program Directors/Principal Investigators (PDs/PIs) to address ambitious and challenging research questions that are within the mission of NIGMS. Project goals should not be achievable with a collection of individual efforts or projects. Collaborative program teams are expected to accomplish goals that require considerable synergy and managed team interactions. Teams are encouraged to consider far-reaching objectives that will produce major advances in their fields. The Collaborative Program Grant is designed to support research in which funding a team of interdependent investigators to achieve a unified scientific goal offers significant advantages over supporting individual research project grants.

Features of successful applications include:

- Each PD/PI is committed to team science and willing to devote a major part of their research effort to the team project.
- Achieving the goal(s) requires a team approach.
- Each biological question posed requires a cohesive team with an integrated approach.
- A team management structure is developed for achieving program goals.

Consultation with relevant program staff at least 10 weeks prior to the agency deadline (by 03/20/24) is strongly encouraged. Once applicants have identified overall program objectives and PD/PI participants, NIGMS staff may be able to advise applicants whether the proposed research strategy meets the goals and mission of the Institute, whether it addresses one or more high priority research areas, and whether it is appropriate for a Collaborative Program Grant. During the consultation phase, if the proposed research strategy does not meet NIGMS' programmatic needs, or is not appropriate as a Collaborative Program Grant, applicants will be encouraged to consider other funding opportunities.

To be successful, programs of this level of complexity are expected to require significant effort from all PDs/PIs involved. The contact PD/PI is required to devote at least 30% of their total research effort to this award, while other PDs/PIs are required to devote at least 25% of their total research effort to this award.

While applications may request research program budgets of up to \$1.5 million direct costs per year, it is anticipated that most awards will be between \$700,000-\$900,000 direct costs per year for five years. Annual inflationary increases are not allowed. The requested budget should be consistent with the number of PDs/PIs and the complexity and needs of the proposed program. An additional \$250,000 direct costs per year may be requested for optional developmental funds to support the addition of ESIs to the program in years 2-5. More details can be found in the solicitation: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-23-077.html>. Prospective applicants are encouraged but not required to submit a letter of intent 30 days prior to the application due date. The deadline for submitting proposals to the agency is **May 29, 2024**.

This is a limited competition. **Each institution is limited to TWO applications per review round.** If you are interested in applying, please submit a 200-word statement of interest with a tentative project title and a brief description by **NOON, January 15, 2024** via UNM's [InfoReady Review portal](#). This is a required step, and no late submissions will be considered. Based on the number of responses, the Limited Competitions 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-Limited-Comps@salud.unm.edu for more information.