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From: Faculty Research Development Office (FRDO)
Office of the Vice President for Research

Subject: Limited Competition: NIH PAR-20-103, Collaborative Program Grant for Multidisciplinary Teams (RM1-Clinical Trail Optional)

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Dear UNM Researchers,

This opportunity is designed to support highly integrated research teams of 3-6 PDs/PIs to address ambitious and challenging research questions that are important for the mission of NIGMS and are beyond the scope of one or two investigators. Collaborative program teams are expected to accomplish goals that require considerable synergy and managed team interactions. Project goals should not be achievable with a collection of individual efforts or projects. Teams are encouraged to consider far-reaching objectives that will produce major advances in their fields.

Consultation with relevant staff at least 10 weeks prior to the agency deadline (by 11/18/22) 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 his/her time available for research to this award, while other PDs/PIs are required to devote at least 25% of his/her time available for research to this award.

Applications may request budgets up to \$1.5 million direct costs/year, it is anticipated that most awards will be between \$700K-900K direct costs/year. Applicants are expected to describe a cohesive program **with a single set of specific aims** sufficient to accomplish program objectives that can be achieved **within a maximum of 10 years** (5-year award & 5-year renewal). Program objectives that are unlikely to be achieved within 10 years are not appropriate for this FOA. NIGMS anticipates supporting no more than 4-6 awards. More details can be found at <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-20-103.html>. Prospective applicants are asked to submit a letter of intent 30 days prior to the application due date. They are not required. The deadline for submitting proposals to the agency is Jan. 27, 2023.

This is a limited competition. **Each institution is limited to ONE application.** If you are interested in submitting, please send a 200-word statement of interest with a tentative project title and a brief description by **noon, Wednesday, October 19, 2022** via UNM's [InfoReady Review portal](#). Based on the

number of responses, the Limited Competitions Team may announce a call for pre-proposals. Please distribute this notice to departments and individuals whom you believe would be interested.

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.