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Subject: Limited Competition: The Moore Inventor Fellows

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UNM Researchers,

The Moore Inventor Fellows program focuses on supporting scientist-inventors at a critical stage of research to capture opportunities that otherwise might be missed. The foundation seeks to identify outstanding inventors and innovators who harness science and technology to enhance the conduct of scientific research, strengthen environmental conservation, or improve the experience and outcomes of patient care. The foundation aims to support inventions at an early stage that could lead to proof-of-concept work on an invention; or that can advance an existing prototype that tackles an important problem. In the spirit of Moore's passion for science and penchant for inventing, the foundation seeks to support people who create new tools, technologies, processes, or approaches with a high potential to accelerate progress in the foundation's three main areas of interest: scientific research, environmental conservation and patient care.

Candidates must be faculty, research scientists, postdocs, or other full-time staff at eligible institutions. Candidates must be no more than ten years past receiving the terminal advanced degree in their field (M.S., Ph.D. or M.D.). Each fellow is required to devote at least 25 percent of their time to their invention.

The funding amount is a total of \$675,000 (\$200,000 per year for three years and \$25,000 per year for indirect costs). Cost share is required in the amount of \$150,000 (\$50,000 per year) and must be nonfederal funds. Unrecovered F&A and Imputed F&A cannot be used as part of the cost share contribution as per the sponsor. Cost share could include support for undergraduate or graduate students, equipment, supplies and other needs that will enable the fellow to make progress on their work. Direct salary support is acceptable provided it includes a proportionate release of time from teaching or other duties. Funds that were designated for a fellow's use before the fellow was awarded a Moore Inventor Fellowship (such as start-up funds) do not qualify. A clear statement of the proposed institutional support is part of the nomination.

Nominations must be received by the sponsor by 5:00 pm PT on November 16, 2020, with all application materials due by 5:00 pm PT on December 14, 2020. More details can be found at <https://www.moore.org/docs/default-source/moore-inventor-fellows/moore-inventor-fellows-guidelines.pdf>.

This is a limited competition. Each invited institution can submit two nominations for consideration. The University of New Mexico-Main Campus is eligible. Please submit your 2-page pre-proposal addressing the review criteria below (plus budget overview, cost share plan and budget and abbreviated CV (2 page); all documents in a SINGLE PDF file, 12-point font) by NOON on Friday, October 23, 2020 to limited@unm.edu with the subject line indicating: MOORE - your name. No late submissions will be considered.

Your 2-page pre-proposal must include the following: The first paragraph should describe clearly and without jargon the invention, the problem it seeks to address, and its potential impact. This paragraph is to be followed by: 1) Description of the invention; 2) Importance in the area of science, environmental conservation, or patient care and experience; 3) Stage of invention; 4) Current funding; 5) Feasibility; 6) Potential Impact (7) Approach for measuring progress during the three-year grant term