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Subject: Limited Competition: Moore Inventor Fellows

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UNM Researchers,

The Moore Inventor Fellows program focuses on supporting scientist-inventors at a critical prototyping stage 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 of 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. received on or after 2014). 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 release time, 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 November 14, 2023 at 5:00 PM PT, with complete applications due on December 13, 2023 at 5:00 PM PT. More details can be found at https://www.moore.org/docs/default-source/moore-inventor-fellows/moore-inventor-fellows-guidelines.pdf?sfvrsn=d6f6610c_4.

This is a limited competition. Each invited institution can submit **TWO (2)** nominations for consideration. The University of New Mexico-Main Campus is eligible. We will be conducting a two-step internal competition to ensure we have a review committee in place by the pre-proposal deadline. **You must complete both steps if you are interested in participating.**

STEP ONE: Please submit your 200-word statement of interest by NOON on September 8, 2023 via UNM's [InfoReady Review portal](#). This is a required step, and no late submissions will be considered.

STEP TWO: Submit an abbreviated budget, cost share plan, 2-page CV, and 2-page pre-proposal. The first paragraph of the pre-proposal should clearly describe, without jargon, the invention, the problem it seeks to address, and its potential impact. The pre-proposal should also include: 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) Risk (please describe any technical risks that might lower chances of success and what you will do mitigate these risks. For example, “If A doesn't work, we'll do B.”); 7) Potential Impact; 8) Approach for measuring progress during the three-year grant term. Investigators are encouraged to identify college/departamental in-kind and cash contributions, and to get approval from Chairs and/or Deans to allocate resources for the match. Arrangements for meeting cost sharing requirements must be made in advance of submission of the pre-proposal, as these contributions will be used as criteria for evaluation during review by the Limited Competitions Committee.

Please submit your 2-page pre-proposal and additional materials by **NOON on September 18, 2023** via UNM's **InfoReady Review portal**. You will receive an email when the InfoReady competition has been converted from the SOI application to the preproposal application, but you can work on your documents outside the system before that. No late submissions will be considered.

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 Competitions at HSC-LimitedComps@salud.unm.edu for more information.