Department of Health and Human Services Diabetic Foot Consortium - Clinical Research Units (U01)

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications for Clinical Research Units (CRUs) to form the new Diabetic Foot Consortium (DFC) for multi-site clinical research to validate biomarkers for diabetic foot ulcers that can predict healing outcomes, guide treatment, and monitor healing and response to treatment. The DFC will consist of the Clinical Research Units (CRUs), a Data Coordinating Center (DCC), the biomarker measurement sites, the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, and possibly other awardees to future NIDDK efforts on the diabetic foot. The long-term goal is to lay the foundation for a clinical trial network to test therapies that can improve healing and prevent amputations.

Experience in research on diabetic foot ulcers at the CRUs is essential for excellence of the DFC. This experience must include participation as a clinical site in clinical research studies on diabetic wound healing. In addition, the CRU experience could include: a strong record of mechanistic discoveries or translational research in wound healing and related fields; development of unique clinical tools or resources for wound healing research; or biomarkers for other conditions. The application should discuss the knowledge learned from these experiences and how it can be applied to the DFC.

Funding Instrument: Cooperative Agreement - a support mechanism used when there will be substantial federal scientific or programmatic involvement. Substantial involvement means that, after award, NIH scientific or program staff will assist, guide, coordinate, or participate in project activities.

Funds Available and Anticipated Number of Awards: The NIDDK intends to commit $1.5 million in FY 2018 to fund up to 10 awards. In FY 2019 to FY 2021, the NIDDK intends to commit a total of $8.25 million with additional funding anticipated for specific research protocols.

Award Budget: The applicant may request up to $275,000 in direct costs in year one and up to $350,000 in direct costs in years two to four.

Award Project Period: The maximum project period for an application submitted in response to the FOA is four years.

Please carefully read through the Funding Opportunity Announcement to assess eligibility and fit.

This is a LIMITED SUBMISSION GRANT OPPORTUNITY – only one application per institution is allowed. TO BE CONSIDERED, please submit a one-page Letter of Intent and the abbreviated CVs in ONE PDF DOCUMENT to rifs@wayne.edu by 5 p.m. on November 13, 2017. The Letter of Intent is due to the sponsor by December 23, 2017 and the application deadline is January 23, 2018.