Limited submission: New NIH funding mechanism for multidisciplinary teams – PAR-17-340

The National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) recently announced its new grant mechanism, the Collaborative Program Grant for Multidisciplinary Teams (RM1).

As noted in the announcement, this program is designed to support highly integrated research teams of three to six PD/PIs to address ambitious and challenging biomedical problems that are important for the mission of NIGMS and are beyond the scope of one or two investigators.

This is a LIMITED SUBMISSION GRANT OPPORTUNITY and the development of the application from Wayne State University will be coordinated through the Office of the Vice President of Research.

Interested applicant teams (minimum of 3 and a maximum of 6 PD/PIs) are requested to submit a two-page synopsis to rifs@wayne.edu by October 15, 2017. The synopsis should include a brief description of the proposed research, its overall objective and specific aims. Please also include a description of how the multidisciplinary team format is essential to achieving those objectives.

Please include a list of all PIs and departmental affiliations along with a current NIH Biosketch for each PI.

*Please be sure to carefully read through the full FOA before proceeding. A few key points from the program announcement are as follows.*

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.

Projects should address critical issues and be sufficiently challenging, ambitious, and innovative that objectives could not be achieved by individual investigators.

Applications that employ specific cells or tissues to address a fundamental biomedical question are appropriate. However, applications that focus solely on a specific organ or disease state and that are within the mission areas of other NIH Institutes and Centers would not be appropriate for this program announcement.

All clinical research must be completely within the context of NIGMS clinical areas (anesthesiology and peri-operative pain; clinical pharmacology; sepsis; trauma, burn injury and wound healing). NIH-defined clinical trials are not allowed. Applications that are mainly focused on the creation, expansion, and/or maintenance of community resources, creation of new technologies or infrastructure development are not appropriate for this program funding announcement.