The University's internal deadline for the limited submission competition for the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Occupational Safety and Health Education and Research Centers (T42) (PAR-15-303) is 8/10/15. If you are interested, please read on for details.


- **Purpose:** The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), invites grant applications for funding Education and Research Centers (ERCs) that are focused on occupational safety and health training, research training, education and outreach. NIOSH is mandated to provide an adequate supply of qualified personnel to carry out the purposes of the Occupational Safety and Health Act, and the ERCs are one of the principal means for meeting this mandate. ERCs are academic institutions that provide high-quality interdisciplinary graduate training, research training, continuing education, and outreach in the core occupational safety and health disciplines of industrial hygiene (IH), occupational health nursing (OHN), occupational medicine residency (OMR), and occupational safety (OS), as well as closely related allied disciplines. Research and research training are integral components of ERCs, with ERC faculty and NIOSH trainees conducting research on issues related to the NIOSH National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA). The ERCs also serve as regional resources for industry, labor, government, and the public.

- **Eligibility:**
  - **Eligible Individuals (Principal Investigator):** Any individual with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed training program as the Principal Investigator (PI) is invited to work with his/her organization to develop an application for support. Individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups as well as individuals with disabilities are always encouraged to apply for HHS/CDC/NIOSH programs. PIs should have the experience and expertise relevant to complex, interdisciplinary OSH training programs.
  
  - **Number of Applications:** Only one application per institution (normally identified by having a unique DUNS number) is allowed.

NIOSH Trainee Citizenship. On or before the issue date of the award, the NIOSH trainee must be a citizen or a noncitizen national of the United States or have been lawfully admitted for permanent residence (that is, must possess a currently valid Permanent Resident Card USCIS Form I-551, or other legal verification of such status). Non-citizen nationals are generally persons born in outlying possessions of the United States (for example, American Samoa and Swains Island). Individuals on temporary or student visas are not eligible.

Post-doctoral trainees must meet the NIH guidelines for support under the National Research Service Award (T32) program. See the following web site for further information on the NIH guidelines: [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-10-036.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-10-036.html).
- **Number of Applications**: The FOA governs new, renewal, revision, and resubmission applications.

- **New**: New applications are ones being submitted for the first time. Only one application per institution is allowed.

- **Renewal**: Applicants may submit a renewal (formerly called a competing continuation) application for additional years of funding. Grantees funded under this FOA may submit a renewal (formerly called a competing continuation) application for additional years of funding and must provide a Letter of Intent no later than 60 days prior to the pending application receipt date. Applicants funded under PAR-10-217 who decide to re-compete early are requested to inform NIOSH of their plans as soon as possible, but no later than 90 days before the pending receipt date.

- **Revision**: Applicants may submit a revision application (formerly called a competing supplement) to expand the scope of their current award. This revision application, combined with the current award, shall not exceed the $1.8 million total cost threshold and shall not exceed the length of the current award. In addition, proposals for new academic programs must be for a period of at least two years. ERCs currently funded under PAR-10-217 may submit revision applications under this FOA for the following programs: 1) Academic degree, residency, or certificate programs, 2) Targeted Research Training, and 3) Continuing Education. Re-competing Center Administration (formerly known as Center Wide Activities) requires re-competition of the entire ERC, and if funded, would be under the terms and conditions of this FOA for the period of performance awarded.

- **Resubmission**: Applicants may submit one resubmission (formerly called a revision or amended) application, but must include an introduction addressing the previous peer review critique (Summary Statement).

All of these grant applications (new, renewals, revisions, or resubmissions) must follow the PHS 398 Instructions at [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html).

- **Funds Available & Anticipated Number of Awards**: The number of awards is contingent upon CDC/NIOSH appropriations and the submission of a sufficient number of meritorious applications. CDC/NIOSH intends to commit $24 million in FY 2016 to fund 18-20 awards.

- **Budget & Project Period**: An applicant may request up to $1.8 million each year in total costs for an ERC. More information on a complete application is provided in Part II, Section IV.

- **Application Details**: Since the University of Miami may only submit one (1) proposal, this opportunity is a limited submission competition. An expert panel will internally review our candidates to determine which application will be submitted for competition by the NIOSH deadline on December 3, 2015.

To apply, please send the following materials to Karen Lamper at klamper@miami.edu by 8/10/15:

- Title of Proposal
- Your biosketch; including current and pending grant support.
- A brief summary of your project (no more than two pages).

Please be cognizant that requested information above is required for the reviewers to make an informed decision/ranking regarding your research proposal for consideration as an internal award applicant. Failure to address each numbered sub-heading above can impact the ranking of your proposal.

**Note**: Biostatistical considerations in the design and analysis of proposed investigations are critical to the procurement of funding and quality of research. The Biostatistics Collaboration and Consulting Core (BCCC), as part of the Research
Design and Biostatistics Component of the Miami CTSI, is available to provide support for grant proposal development. This support may be funded by service credits awarded by the Research Design and Biostatistics Component of the Miami CTSI. For more information, please contact Maria Jimenez-Rodriguez at mjrodriguez@biostat.med.miami.edu.

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