The University’s internal deadline for the limited submission competition for the NIH, Martin Delaney Collaboratories for HIV Cure Research (UM1): UM Deadline 7/14/15 is 7/14/15. If you are interested, please read on for details.


- **Purpose:** The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to address the problem of HIV persistence in HIV-infected persons treated with suppressive antiretroviral drug regimens. This FOA will support coordinated basic, translational, and clinical research focused on developing strategies to achieve an HIV cure, defined as sustained HIV remission and/or eradication. The application must include at least one private sector entity to facilitate rapid translation of basic discovery research into clinical studies. Collaboratory research should be milestone-based and centered on specific innovative approaches spanning characterization and quantification of latent or persistent HIV-1 reservoirs, identification of therapeutic strategies that target these reservoirs and/or control viral rebound, and preclinical and clinical studies to test new single or combination strategies for an HIV cure.

- **Funds Available & Anticipated Number of Awards:** The following NIH components intend to commit the following amounts in FY 2016 to fund 3-4 awards:
  - NIAID, $19.5 million
  - NIDA, $1.5 million
  - NIMH, 1.0 million
  - NINDS, $0.75 million

- **Budget & Project Period:** Application budgets are limited to $3.5 million Direct Costs per year, and should reflect the actual needs of the proposed project. The total project period may not exceed five (5) years.

- **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 NIH deadline on December 07, 2015.

To apply, please send the following materials to Karen Lamper at klamper@miami.edu by 7/14/15:

- Title of Proposal
- Your biosketch; including current and pending grant support.
- List of Senior/Key Personnel and their Role on the Project(s)
- List of Facilities & Other Resources
- A brief summary of your project (no more than five pages), addressing the following:
  1. Overview: Scientific Agenda and Strategic Plan
  2. Research Program: Initial Research Foci; two required, up to four accepted.
  3. Scientific Research Supports: optional, no limit
  4. Management and Operations: one required
  5. Community Engagement Plan: one required
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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