The University’s internal deadline for the limited submission competition for the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), International Centers of Excellence for Malaria Research (U19)(RFA-AI-15-056) is 2/8/16. If you are interested, please read on for details.


- **Purpose**: This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) solicits applications to participate in an International Centers of Excellence for Malaria Research (ICEMR) program that will provide a multidisciplinary research approach to malaria control and prevention through the integration of findings from clinical and field research. The overarching goal of the ICEMR program is to establish research centers in malaria-endemic settings that will provide the necessary knowledge, tools, and evidence-based strategies for use by government organizations and health care institutions to control and treat malaria. This program is not intended to support research which can be conducted primarily in U.S. institutions.

- **Funds Available & Anticipated Number of Awards**: NIAID intends to commit $13.5 million in FY 2017 to fund 8-10 ICEMR awards. Future year amounts will depend on annual appropriations.

- **Budget & Project Period**: The budget for each ICEMR cannot exceed $1 million in direct costs per year excluding consortia F&A costs. It is required that at least 50% of the annual direct costs should be committed for field work and related research activities at the endemic sites. Awards are contingent upon the availability of funds and submission of a sufficient number of meritorious applications. An applicant may request a project period of up to seven (7) 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 NIAID deadline on April 15, 2016.

To apply, please send the following materials to Karen Lamper at klamper@miami.edu by 2/8/16:

- Title of Proposal
- Your biosketch; including current and pending grant support.
- A brief summary of your project (no more than two pages), addressing the following:
  1. Overall Research Strategy: The application should be built around a central theme that impacts malaria transmission and epidemiology which is characteristic of the proposed endemic areas. Summarize the overall research plan for the multi-component application. The multi-component application should be viewed as a confederation of interrelated research projects, each capable of standing on its own scientific merit, but complementary to one another. This is an important section for it provides the group of
investigators an opportunity to give conceptual wholeness to the overall program – by giving a statement of the general problem area and by laying out a broad strategy for attacking the problems. As the strategy develops, the significance of each project and core to the overall ICEMR design, along with the problems that are addressed, should be described in relation to the central theme. Summarize the special features in the environment and/or resources that make this application strong or unique. Include background data, experience, incidence and epidemiology at each site.

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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