The University’s internal deadline for the limited submission competition for the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD), NIMHD Transdisciplinary Collaborative Centers for Health Disparities Research Focused on Precision Medicine (U54) (RFA-MD-15-013) is 6/22/15. If you are interested, please read on for details.


- **Purpose:** This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications for Transdisciplinary Collaborative Centers (TCCs) for health disparities research exploring the potential for precision medicine - an emerging approach that takes into account individual variability in genes, environment, and lifestyle - to promote health equity and reduce health disparities. Priorities include: 1) development of new tools and analytic methods for integrating patient data with information about contextual factors acting at the community or population level to influence health; 2) development of pharmacogenomic and other precision medicine tools to identify critical biomarkers for disease progression and drug responses in diverse populations; 3) translation of pharmacogenomic discoveries into effective treatment or clinical practice; and 4) investigation of facilitators and barriers to implementing precision medicine approaches in disadvantaged populations.

- **Eligibility:**
  - **Number of Applications:** The NIH will not accept duplicate or highly overlapping applications under review at the same time. This means that the NIH will not accept:
    - A new (A0) application that is submitted before issuance of the summary statement from the review of an overlapping new (A0) or resubmission (A1) application.
    - A resubmission (A1) application that is submitted before issuance of the summary statement from the review of the previous new (A0) application.
    - An application that has substantial overlap with another application pending appeal of initial peer review (see NOT-OD-11-101).

- **Funds Available & Anticipated Number of Awards:** NIMHD intends to commit $6,000,000 in FY 2016 to fund approximately 3 awards, contingent on receipt of a sufficient number of scientifically meritorious applications.

- **Budget & Project Period:** Application budgets are limited to $1,500,000 in direct costs annually, excluding consortium/contractual costs. The maximum project period is 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 NIMHD deadline on September 17, 2015.

To apply, please send the following materials to Karen Lamper at klamper@miami.edu by 6/22/15:
Title of Proposal
Your biosketch; including current and pending grant support.
List of Senior/Key Personnel and their Role(s) on the Project.
A brief summary of your project (no more than six pages), addressing the following:
  1. Overall Research Plan (required)
  2. Administrative Core (required)
  3. Consortium Core (required)
  4. Research Projects (required, minimum of two, maximum of three)
  5. Implementation Core (required)
  6. Technical Cores (optional, maximum of two)

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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