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Subject: Internal Competition for NINDS, Child Neurologist Career Development Program (CNCDP) (K12): UM Deadline 10/2/15

The University’s internal deadline for the limited submission competition for the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), Child Neurologist Career Development Program (CNCDP) (K12) (RFA-NS-16-003) is 10/2/15. If you are interested, please read on for details.


- **Purpose:** The purpose of the NINDS Child Neurologist Career Development Program (CNCDP) is to facilitate and support the research career development of child neurologists, at educational institutions or professional organizations, who have made a commitment to independent research careers. The CNCDP is a single national program, implemented by either a single PD/PI or multiple co-directors (at least one of whom is the PD/PI), together with an advisory committee composed of basic and clinical investigators who have a strong record of funded research and successful training of clinician scientists. The CNCDP will generally provide three consecutive years of support to individuals to provide them with the knowledge, tools and research experience that will enable them to develop a significant research project funded by an individual career development award or research grant.

- **Eligibility:**
  - **Number of Applications:** Only one application per institution is allowed. 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](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-11-101.html)).
  - **Eligible Individuals (Program Director/Principal Investigator):** Each PD/PI must be an established physician-scientist in child neurology who has the experience to provide both administrative and scientific leadership to the development and implementation of the proposed program. The PD/PI(s) should have a demonstrated track record in both research and the successful training of clinician-scientists for a dual research and clinical career. In addition, the PD/PI(s) should have the stature in the child neurology community appropriate for an individual charged with oversight over a single national program designed to fulfill the critical need of developing the careers of child neurologists to conduct significant research intended to find cures and better treatments of childhood neurological diseases.
Each PD/PI must have sufficient time to devote to the CNCDP. Applicants may wish to assign program co-director roles to individuals who do not serve as PD/PI(s). Similarly, these individuals should have sufficient time to commit to the program.

- **Preceptors/Mentors:** Mentors chosen by applicant scholars should have strong records as researchers, including recent publications and successful competition for research support in the area of the proposed research training program. Mentors should also have a record of research training, including successful, former trainees who have established productive careers relevant to the NIH mission. Researchers from diverse backgrounds, including racial and ethnic minorities, persons with disabilities, and women are encouraged to participate as mentors.

Scholars should have an appropriate mentorship team, with each mentor having a role to play in the scholar's development as a physician-scientist (note that, as in all institutional career development programs, the CNCDP's leadership does not select the scholar's mentors; each scholar chooses his/her mentorship team. The CNCDP evaluates the appropriateness of the mentorship team as part of the scholar's application to the program for support). Each scholar appointed in the program must have a primary mentor who: (1) is recognized as an accomplished investigator, (2) is actively involved in basic or clinical research, (3) has a successful record of providing the type of training required under this award and (4) will dedicate the time and resources required to foster the scholar's success. The primary mentor should be at the scholar's institution, should be appropriate for providing guidance for the research career development of the scholar, must be aware of the goals of the CNCDP, and is expected to provide the guidance appropriate for helping the scholar transition to individually funded research. Ideally, each scholar will have at least one mentor who is a pediatric neurologist with a record of successful research experience, who can provide guidance on successfully navigating a career that combines clinical and research activities in pediatric neurology. Scholars may also choose to have additional mentors for specific purposes, such as methodological expertise and career guidance.

- **Participants/Scholars:** Individuals to be supported by the CNCDP must be at the career level for which the planned program is intended. The NINDS expects scholars appointed to the CNCDP to have demonstrated potential to develop into successful researchers.

An explicit goal of the CNCDP is to transition child neurologists to an NINDS Mentored Career Development Award (K08 or K23), an NINDS Research Scientist Development Award (K02) or a Research Project Grant (R01) within, or shortly after, the CNCDP support period. Therefore, scholar candidates for support under this FOA must have the following: (1) a clinical degree or its equivalent, (2) residency training (or its equivalent), (3) a license to practice medicine in the U.S.A., (4) at least one mentor who has extensive and well-funded research experience and a successful track record of training clinician-scientists, and (5) the intent to continue in a dual research/clinical career, supported by an individual career-development or research award that they obtain as PD/PI.

Note: Although primarily intended to support child neurologists, the CNCDP may be used to support a limited number of physician scientists from closely related disciplines, who are similarly situated with respect to their career progression, who are conducting research to advance the understanding and treatment of neurological disorders of children.
Individuals who are, or have been, principal investigators on NIH individual mentored or non-mentored career awards (e.g. K01, K02, K08, K22, K23, K99), major research project awards (e.g. R01), sub-projects of program project (P01) or center grants (P50), or the equivalent, are not eligible for appointment under this program. Scholar candidates who have been supported by other NIH institutional K awards (e.g. KL2, K12) may not be supported by the CNCDP K12. Scholar candidates who were former or who are current principal investigators on NIH small grants (R03) or exploratory/developmental grants (R21) remain eligible. Scholar candidates may not concurrently hold any other award that duplicates the provisions of this award.

Scholar Citizenship and Residency Requirement: Only U.S. citizens or non-citizen nationals, or individuals lawfully admitted for permanent residence who have a currently valid Permanent Resident Card (USCIS Form I-551), or some other verification of legal admission as a permanent resident prior to admission into the K12 program, are eligible for scholar support from this program. Non-citizen nationals, although not U.S. citizens, owe permanent allegiance to the U.S. They are usually persons born in lands that are not states but are under U.S. sovereignty, jurisdiction, or administration. Individuals on temporary or student visas are not eligible. Details on citizenship requirements are available in the NIH Grants Policy Statement.

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- **Funds Available & Anticipated Number of Awards:** NINDS intends to fund one award, and intends to commit up to approximately $3.2 million per year to the award.

- **Budget & Project Period:** Application budgets are not limited but need to reflect the actual needs of the proposed project and adhere to the budget allowances listed below. 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 NINDS deadlines on November 18, 2015, and June 14, 2016.

To apply, please send the following materials to Karen Lamper at klamper@miami.edu by 10/2/15:

- Indicate which Deadline You Plan to Apply: November 18, 2015 or June 14, 2016
- 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 four pages) addressing the following:
  1. Project Summary/Abstract
  2. Research Training Program Plan
     a. Program Administration
     b. Mentors
     c. Proposed Training
     d. Program Evaluation
     e. Candidates
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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