This is a limited submission opportunity requiring internal review; please see internal review instructions page 2

**Award Description:** This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications for Cystic Fibrosis (CF) Research and Translation Core Centers. CF Research and Translation Core Centers are designed to support both basic and clinical research on Cystic Fibrosis. CF Research and Translation Core Centers support three primary research-related activities: Research Core services; a Pilot and Feasibility program; and an Administrative Core with an enrichment program. Core Centers provide shared resources to support research to develop and test new therapies for CF and to foster collaborations among institutions with a strong existing research base in CF. The NIDDK currently supports five CF Research and Translation Centers located at institutions with documented programs of research excellence in basic and clinical CF Research. Information about the currently funded CF Research and Translation Centers may be found at [http://www3.niddk.nih.gov/centers/all.shtml](http://www3.niddk.nih.gov/centers/all.shtml).

**Eligible Individuals:** Eligible Individuals (Program Director/Principal Investigator). Any individual(s) with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research as the Program Director(s)/Principal Investigator(s) (PD(s)/PI(s)) 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 NIH support.

Because a CF Research and Translation Center has a large and complex administrative structure, the Project Director(s)/Principal Investigator(s) (PD(s)/PI(s)) must have strong leadership abilities and demonstrated proficiency in managing large, multi-component programs. The CF Research and Translation Center PD(s)/PI(s) must also be willing to participate in Center Director meetings which will be organized every other year.

In responding to this FOA, applicants are encouraged to propose cores that address specific objectives based on the unique requirements of investigators at the applicant institutions. Particular emphasis should be placed on services that support and foster interdisciplinary, integrated and translational approaches to research in the Center topic areas. Preference will be given to core support services that are not readily available or cost-effective when supplied from commercial sources, and techniques or technologies that may be technically challenging or require specialized expertise, equipment or infrastructure.

The need for core support from the CF Research and Translation Center must be well justified, with clear documentation of a broad user base of NIH-funded investigators pursuing research activities in Center topic areas, as well as CF investigators with other sources of peer-reviewed support. Participants in the CF Research and Translation Center program are encouraged to become fully integrated into, and synergistic with, other NIDDK- and NIH-funded Centers within their institutional setting. This includes the clinical research homes being established by the Clinical and Translational Science Awards supported by the National Institutes of Health ([http://www.ctsaweb.org/](http://www.ctsaweb.org/)) and other related NIH roadmap activities, and any related NIDDK-funded Center programs such as the Nutrition Obesity Research Center (NORC) Program ([http://www3.niddk.nih.gov/centers/norc.shtml](http://www3.niddk.nih.gov/centers/norc.shtml)).
INTERNAL REVIEW INSTRUCTIONS:

**Step #1: Expression of Interest (EOI)**. Investigators who wish to submit a proposal should send an EOI to hsfunding@ucsd.edu by 5:00 pm, May 2, 2014. The EOI should be submitted as a one-page pdf and include:
1. PI's name and department
2. A brief project summary

**Step #2: Pre-application, if, and only if**, more than one EOI is received by the first campus deadline noted in Step #1. Those who have submitted EOIs will be asked to submit a pre-application (content will be specified) to hsfunding@ucsd.edu by 5:00 pm Pacific Time on May 14, 2014.

An independent faculty committee will then review all pre-applications and select the most competitive application, using the guidance about the sponsor's priorities in the RFP, to represent UC San Diego.

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