LIMITED SUBMISSION FUNDING OPPORTUNITY
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Sponsor: National Institute of Health (NIH)
Participating Organization: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)
Title: Consortium for Food Allergy Research
FOA Number: RFA-AI-14-003
Internal Review Deadline: Wed. April 30, 2014 Expression of Interest

Sponsor Deadlines:
- May 19, 2014 - Letter of Intent
- June 19, 2014 5:00 PM Local time Application

Nominations allowed: One (1) per university
Award Amount: $6.1 million
Duration: Maximum project period is 7 years

This is a limited submission opportunity requiring internal review; please see internal review instructions below.

Award Description: This FOA solicits applications from single institutions to administer a multi-project multi-institution program, to conduct clinical research and assume the leadership and administrative responsibilities for the Consortium for Food Allergy Research (CoFAR). The selected applicant will continue the mission of the CoFAR, which focuses on the prevention and treatment of food allergy, including food allergen-associated severe allergic reactions and anaphylaxis, and food allergen-associated eosinophilic esophagitis. The Consortium will conduct interventional trials with associated mechanistic studies, and observational/natural history and/or genetics research with associated mechanistic studies, in order to understand better the immunopathogenesis of these conditions. The CoFAR organization will comprise multiple components to carry out the broad scope of research delineated above.

These are:

**Administrative Core** – The Administrative Core will be responsible for the overall scientific leadership and administrative functions of the Consortium and coordination of the other components. This includes naming a supervisor for the Laboratory Program who will be responsible for standardization and quality control for routine clinical laboratory testing and monitoring, in all studies supported under this Consortium. The Administrative Core will have also the responsibility for establishing and maintaining the following committees/groups: Consortium Investigator Committee, Consortium Steering Committee and External Scientific Advisory Group.

**Clinical Projects** – This FOA divides clinical projects into two categories: interventional clinical trials and projects which are not interventional clinical trials; the latter category is referred to as either “non-interventional clinical studies” or as “clinical studies”. Applicants should propose 4 required clinical projects, and may propose up to 2 other, optional clinical projects.

See RFA for full details: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AI-14-003.html

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.

For institutions/organizations proposing multiple PDs/PIs, visit the Multiple Program Director/Principal Investigator Policy and submission details in the Senior/Key Person Profile (Expanded) Component of the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide.

**INTERNAL REVIEW INSTRUCTIONS:**
The internal review process involves two required steps described below.
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, April 30, 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 Thursday May 8, 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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