Limited Submission Funding Opportunities – updated 7/19/19

Please be aware that any grant that brings in less than 15% in indirect costs (IDC) will need to be supplemented up to the 15% equivalent by existing investigator or departmental sundry funds. Resolution of this issue must occur prior to submitting a proposal. Training fellowships from foundations, public charity, and non-profit organizations are excluded from this minimum IDC requirement.

For MGH investigators selected through a competitive process as the institutional nominee for any limited submission funding opportunities, in situations in which the grant will bring in less than 15% indirect cost (IDC), ECOR will cover the IDC gap up to a maximum of $50,000 per year. In order to optimize the distribution of limited ECOR funds across the MGH research community, it is expected that PIs and departments will work together to cover the remaining IDC shortfall.

This policy is only effective for those limited submission opportunities in which MGH is invited to submit its own nominee(s). This policy does not apply for those limited submission opportunities in which the MGH investigator must apply through HMS.

For further questions, please contact ECOR at ecor@mgh.harvard.edu

We ask that all MGH Investigators interested in applying for any limited submission award submit a Letter of Intent (see detailed instructions below) to the MGH Executive Committee on Research (ECOR) by the deadline indicated for each award to be considered to receive an institutional nomination.

Process
Submit a one- to two-page Letter of Intent (LOI) to the MGH Executive Committee on Research (ECOR) via email to ecor@mgh.harvard.edu. In addition to your LOI, please include an NIH Biosketch.

The letter of intent should include:
1. Name of the Principal Investigator with appropriate contact information
2. A descriptive title of the potential application
3. Brief description of the project
4. Brief description of why you specifically should be selected to receive institutional nomination for this award

In the event that there is more than one MGH investigator interested in applying for a limited submission award, the LOIs will be used to assess candidates and a review and selection process will take place.

If there is a limited submission funding opportunity you do not see listed below or you have any additional questions, please let us know at ecor@mgh.harvard.edu.

CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

1. NINDS Child Neurologist Career Development Program (CNCDP) (K12 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
   MGH LOI Deadline: 7/23/19
   NIH LOI Deadline: 8/10/19
   NIH Deadline: 9/10/19

   The purpose of the NINDS Child Neurologist Career Development Program (CNCDP) is to facilitate and support the research career development of child neurologists who have made a commitment to independent research careers. The CNCDP is a single national program, implemented by one or more PD/PIs, 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.

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) does not allow appointed scholars to lead an independent clinical trial but does allow them to obtain research experience in a clinical trial led by a mentor or co-mentor.

2. Conference for Early Stage HIV/AIDS Researchers Using Nonhuman Primate Models (R13 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
   MGH LOI Deadline: 7/30/19
   NIH Deadline: 9/10/19

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages Research Conference Grant (R13) applications to conduct an annual intensive workshop/conference/meeting that addresses the needs of early stage HIV/AIDS researchers utilizing nonhuman primates (NHPs) as they translate preclinical research from NHPs to human clinical trials. The objectives of the meeting(s) supported by this FOA are to provide these early stage HIV/AIDS researchers with guidance on conducting preclinical research to inform clinical trials on reducing the incidence of HIV/AIDS infection, including vaccine development and testing; developing next-generation HIV therapies, including potential cure therapies; treatment of HIV-associated coinfections, comorbidities and complications; and infection prevention strategies. In addition to guidance on translating results to clinical trials, the conference should target developing skills related to networking, grantsmanship, and goal/milestone-driven projects. Conference topics should also include other considerations such as statistical and host genetics considerations; methods to translate the results of NHP studies to clinical trials in humans; and how to develop new NHP research programs to better reflect clinical observations and findings in human HIV/AIDS patients.

3. Claude D. Pepper Older Americans Independence Centers (P30 Clinical Trial Optional)
   MGH LOI Deadline: 8/05/19
   NIH LOI Deadline: 9/02/19
   NIH Deadline: 10/02/19

The Claude D. Pepper Older American Independence Centers (OAIC) program was established in honor of the late Representative to establish centers of excellence in research and research education to increase scientific knowledge leading to better ways to maintain or restore independence in older persons. The OAIC awards are designed to develop or strengthen awardee institutions’ programs that focus on and sustain progress in a key area of aging research. Applicants should identify an area of focus in which progress could contribute to greater independence for substantial populations of older persons and offer opportunities for education in aging research. This area of focus should be a common theme around which all proposed OAIC activities are organized.
4. Diversity Program Consortium Dissemination and Translation Awards (U01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
   MGH LOI Deadline: 9/04/19
   NIH LOI Deadline: 10/08/19

   This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) solicits applications from sites not currently part of the Common Fund Enhancing Diversity in the Biomedical Research Workforce initiative, also known as the Diversity Program Consortium (DPC), to expand the national impact of the program. The purpose is to provide funds to institutions to implement DPC scientific approaches to understanding the effectiveness of biomedical research training, mentoring or research capacity building interventions aimed at enhancing diversity in the biomedical research workforce.

5. Nathan Shock Centers Coordinating Center (U24 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
   MGH LOI Deadline: 9/10/19
   NIH LOI Deadline: 10/22/19

   This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications to develop and maintain a Nathan Shock Centers Coordinating Center (NSC3). Applicants should be familiar with Nathan Shock Centers (NSC) activities, but they do not need to be part of an active Center. Major activities of the proposed NSC3 will include improving visibility of the NSC nationally and internationally, improving collaboration and coordination among NSC, enhancing NSC training activities, facilitating the sharing of resources, and interacting with NIA and NSC to develop strategies and plans for further development. The successful application will include a proposal to improve transparency and the interactions of NSC with the research community. It should also leverage existing bioinformatics resources.

6. Centers of Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE) Phase 1 (P20 Clinical Trial Optional) – NEW!
   MGH LOI Deadline: 11/04/19
   NIH LOI Deadline: 12/28/19
   NIH Deadline: 1/28/20

   The National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) invites applications for Centers of Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE) from investigators at universities that award doctoral degrees in the health-related sciences or independent biomedical research institutes/medical centers with ongoing biomedical research programs funded by NIH or other federal agencies within Institutional Development Award (IDeA)-eligible states. The objectives of the COBRE initiative are to strengthen an institution's biomedical research infrastructure through the establishment of a thematic multidisciplinary center and to enhance the ability of investigators to compete independently for NIH individual research grants or other external peer-reviewed support. COBRE awards are supported through the IDeA Program, which aims to foster health-related research by increasing competitiveness of investigators at institutions located in states with historically low aggregate success rates for grant awards from NIH.