

Limited Submissions Announcement

A limited submission opportunity is available from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and has been posted to the [UTSA Limited Submission Opportunities webpage](#).

[Enhancing Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Educational Diversity \(ESTEEMED\) Research Education Experiences \(R25\) Program Overview](#)

The NIH Research Education Program (R25) supports research education activities in the mission areas of the NIH. The over-arching goal of this National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB) R25 program is to support educational activities that enhance the diversity of the biomedical, behavioral and clinical research workforce.

To accomplish the stated over-arching goal, this FOA will support creative educational activities with a primary focus on Research Experiences and Mentoring Activities for underrepresented undergraduate freshmen and sophomores in a science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) field, especially those fields which broadly impact bioengineering. The ESTEEMED program is intended to support underrepresented racial and ethnic groups, individuals with disabilities, and individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. It will prepare these participants for an Advanced Honors Program, such as a MARC U-STAR (T34) program and institutional program with similar goals, in the junior and senior years and subsequently, to pursue a Ph.D. or M.D. /Ph.D. degree and a biomedical research career in academia or industry.

The over-arching goals of the NIH R25 program are to: (1) complement and/or enhance the training of a workforce to meet the nation's biomedical, behavioral and clinical research needs; (2) enhance the diversity of the biomedical, behavioral and clinical research workforce; (3) help recruit individuals with specific specialty or disciplinary backgrounds to research careers in biomedical, behavioral and clinical sciences; and (4) foster a better understanding of biomedical, behavioral and clinical research and its implications.

The over-arching goal of this National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB) R25 program is to support educational activities that enhance the diversity of the biomedical research workforce through early preparation for undergraduate students in STEM fields. Participants should be from diverse backgrounds and interested in ultimately pursuing a Ph.D. or M.D./Ph. D. degree and a biomedical research career in academia or industry. The program activities will take place starting in the summer before the freshman year and ending in the summer following the sophomore year. At that time, participants will be expected to enter an Advanced Honors Program for juniors and seniors, which aims to prepare high-achieving, underrepresented students for doctoral programs in biomedical research fields. Therefore, only institutions with a diversity honors program, such as a MARC U-STAR (T34) program or an institutional program with similar goals, active at the time of application, are eligible to apply.

Eligibility

- 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 diverse backgrounds, including underrepresented racial and ethnic groups, individuals with disabilities, and women are always encouraged to apply for NIH support.

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- The PD/PI should be an established investigator in the scientific area in which the application is targeted and capable of providing both administrative and scientific leadership to the development and implementation of the proposed program. The PD/PI will be expected to monitor and assess the program and submit all documents and reports as required.
- Ideally, the PD/PI should have a strong history of mentoring and/or designing courses for underrepresented students, as well as experience managing programs of this nature.

Application Limit

Only **one** application per institution (normally identified by having a unique DUNS number or NIH IPS number) is allowed.

Award Amount

The number of awards is contingent upon NIH appropriations and the submission of a sufficient number of meritorious applications. Application budgets are not limited but need to reflect the actual needs of the proposed project. The maximum project period is 5 years.

Cost Share Requirement

This FOA does not require cost sharing.

Timeline

Limited Submissions Application Due	Selection Notification	Letter of Intent Due to Funder	Proposal Due to Funder
April 9, 2018	April 23, 2018	April 24, 2018	May 24, 2018

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