

Limited Submissions Announcement

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

[NIH Research Education: Bridges to the Doctorate \(R25\) Program Overview](#)

The NIH Research Education Program (R25) supports research educational activities that complement other formal training programs in the mission areas of the NIH Institutes and Centers. 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 General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) Bridges to Doctorate R25 program is to support educational activities that enhance the diversity of the biomedical research workforce. To accomplish the stated over-arching goal, this FOA will support creative educational activities with a primary focus on:

- ***Courses for Skills Development:*** For example, advanced courses in a specific discipline or research area, clinical procedures for research, or specialized research techniques.
- ***Research Experiences:*** For example, for graduate students: to provide research experiences and related training not available through formal NIH training mechanisms.

Eligibility

- The lead and partner PDs/PIs must have a regular full-time appointment (i.e., not adjunct, part-time, retired, or emeritus) at their respective institutions, and should have student counseling, academic administrative and/or scientific research experience.
- The master's degree-granting institutions in the Bridges to the Doctorate Program must offer a terminal master's degree with a strong focus on biomedical sciences as their highest degree and have a large pool, as determined by the applicant institution, of master's degree-seeking students from underrepresented groups to be eligible to apply as an applicant institution.
- A college/university that has a substantial enrollment of master's degree students in biomedical sciences from underrepresented groups, but also offers a doctoral program in unrelated disciplines is eligible to apply as a lead applicant institution or participate as a partner institution.
- However, institutions offering both master's and doctoral degrees may not form partnerships within their own institution for graduates of their own master's degree programs to enter their own doctoral programs, even if a student is moving to another department, school, or college.
- Each proposed Bridges to the Doctorate Program must consist of a partnership/consortium composed of at least two institutions, including the lead applicant

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institution. One must be an institution that offers the master's degree as the only graduate degree in the biomedical sciences. Another institution must be a college or university granting the Ph.D. degree in the biomedical sciences.

Application Limit

Applicant organizations may NOT submit more than one application as the lead institution. A Lead Institution may also partner on one or more applications submitted by other Lead Institutions.

Award Amount

Application budgets are limited to \$300,000 direct costs per year. The maximum project period is 5 years.

Cost Share Requirement

This FOA does not require cost sharing.

Timeline

<u>Internal Email of Intent Due</u>	Limited Submissions Application Due	Selection Notification	Application Due to Funder
May 28, 2018	June 18, 2018	July 3, 2018	September 25, 2018

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