

Limited Submission Announcement

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

[NIGMS Collaborative Program Grant for Multidisciplinary Teams \(RM1\)](#)

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is designed to support highly integrated research teams of three to six PD/PIs to address ambitious and challenging research questions that are important for the mission of NIGMS and are beyond the scope of one or two investigators. Collaborative program teams are expected to accomplish goals that require considerable synergy and managed team interactions. Project goals should not be achievable with a collection of individual efforts or projects. Teams are encouraged to consider far-reaching objectives that will produce major advances in their fields.

Successful Collaborative Program Grant applications will bring together scientists to apply complementary approaches to work on an important and well-defined problem. Applications may address any area of science within the NIGMS mission, which is to support basic research that increases understanding of biological processes at a range of levels, from molecules and cells to tissues, whole organisms and populations. NIGMS also supports research in a limited number of clinical areas that affect multiple organ systems (see here for scientific areas supported by NIGMS). Truly new interdisciplinary ideas for approaching significant biological problems are encouraged. Applications that bridge the research interests of more than one NIGMS division are also encouraged, but must remain within the scope of the NIGMS mission. Consultation with NIGMS staff (see below) prior to preparing an application is strongly encouraged.

Applications that are mainly focused on the creation, expansion, and/or maintenance of community resources, creation of new technologies or infrastructure development are not appropriate for this FOA.

Eligibility

- Required to be submitted as a multiple PD/PI application, with a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 6 PD/PIs. Minimum allowed efforts by the PD/PIs are described in the FOA R&R Budget instructions in Part 2. Section IV.2.
- NIGMS encourages the participation of junior, early, and mid-career investigators as part of the multiple PD/PI team, with advising as appropriate. Early stage investigators (ESIs) and new investigators who participate as PD/PIs will lose their early stage status for future NIH applications, but ESI leads of pilot studies will not lose ESI status.
- PD/PIs who have an active NIGMS R35 award can participate as PD/PIs as part of the 51% effort on their current R35 award but may not receive additional funds from this award. Applicants with substantial unrestricted research support may receive funding from this award as their one NIGMS grant award, or may participate in an unfunded advisory or consulting role without loss of their ability to receive one funded NIGMS grant, consistent with NIGMS policies.

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Application Limit

Only one application per institution is allowed per review cycle.

Award Amount

While applications may request research program budgets of up to \$1.5 million direct costs per year, it is anticipated that most awards will be between \$700,000-\$900,000 direct costs.

In addition to the research program budget, an additional \$250,000 direct costs per year may be requested for optional exploratory pilot studies for ESIs.

Internal Evaluation Criteria

The attached review matrix will be utilized for internal review/scoring. Pre-proposals should be responsive to these criteria.

Timeline

Internal Notice of Intent Due (Preferred)	Limited Submission Application Due	Selection Notification	Application Due to Funder
August 29, 2018	September 19, 2018	October 4, 2018	January 25, 2019

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