

## 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 Bridges to the Baccalaureate Research Training Program (T34) Overview**

The goal of the Bridges to the Baccalaureate Research Training Program is to provide structured activities to prepare a diverse cohort of community college students to transfer to and complete a bachelor's degree in biomedical research fields. This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) provides support to eligible, domestic institutions to develop and implement effective, evidence-based approaches to biomedical training and mentoring that will keep pace with the rapid evolution of the research enterprise. NIGMS expects that the proposed research training programs will incorporate didactic, research, mentoring, and career development elements to prepare trainees to bridge from the community college and complete the bachelor's degree in biomedical fields.

This program requires partnerships between two-year post-secondary educational institutions granting the associate degree with four-year colleges or universities that offer the baccalaureate degree.

Each Bridges to the Baccalaureate Research Training Program should provide high-quality training both at the associate's degree granting institution and the bachelor's degree-granting institution that equips individuals with the technical (e.g., appropriate methods, technologies, and quantitative/computational approaches), operational (e.g., independent knowledge acquisition, rigorous experimental design, and interpretation of data) and professional (e.g., management, leadership, communication, and teamwork) skills required for careers in the biomedical research workforce. Funded programs are expected to promote inclusive research training environments (i.e., institutional and departmental environments where trainees from all backgrounds feel integrated into and supported by the biomedical research community).

### **Eligibility**

- The Lead Principal Investigator (PI) must be employed by the eligible institution submitting the proposal, and must have the technical skills required to lead and execute the proposed research project.
- The contact PD/PI is expected to have a full-time appointment at the applicant institution unless extremely well-justified.

### **Application Limit**

An institution may be the lead in only one Bridges to Baccalaureate Research Training Program at one time.

### **Award Amount**

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.

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### **Internal Evaluation Criteria**

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

### **Timeline**

Internal Email of Intent Due (Preferred)	Limited Submissions Application Due	Selection Notification	Application Due to Funder
August 14, 2019	August 21, 2019	August 29, 2019	September 25, 2019

### **[Limited Submission Process Overview](#)**

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#### **[Application](#)**

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