UCSF May Submit 1 Application

Internal Deadline: 11:59 PM, September 18, 2023

PLEASE FORWARD THIS ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL APPROPRIATE FACULTY AND RESEARCH ADMINISTRATORS


REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS NUMBER: PAR-23-289

PURPOSE:
The purpose of this Notice of Funding Opportunity is to solicit applications for clinical sites that will provide expert diagnostic services for undiagnosed diseases across the nation. The clinical sites known as Diagnostic Centers of Excellence (DCoEs) will partner with the Undiagnosed Diseases Network (UDN) to sustain some of the key research activities currently performed by the Phase II UDN Clinical sites and facilitate its transition to a larger network that serves undiagnosed patient populations including minority health and other populations defined by the NIH to experience health disparities. The DCoEs will establish collaborations and efficient processes with the Data Management and Coordinating Center enroll and evaluate new participants; and foster scientific discovery.

Required - A Plan for Enhancing Diverse Perspectives (PEDP), which will be assessed as part of the scientific and technical peer review evaluation. Applications that fail to include a PEDP will be considered incomplete and will be withdrawn.

Awarded DCoEs will have access to DMCC resources and infrastructure including high-quality phenotypic and genotypic data and collaboration with highly skilled physicians, researchers, and bioinformaticians. Successful applicants will demonstrate that they have the appropriate expertise, resources and infrastructure needed to conduct advanced diagnostic evaluations at their site and propose a research plan that meets Phase III priorities, including:

- Scale clinical capacity to engage more participants across the US by increasing diagnostic efficiencies and incorporating community and third-party payer support for patient services.
- Expand access to the UDN for individuals and groups who historically have not benefited from modern diagnostic investigations due to race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, geographic location, sex/gender, linguistic or other systemic barriers.

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 their organization to develop an application for support.
- An individual may not be the PD/PI of both the DMCC award and a DCoE application. Institutions/organizations and PD/PIs are allowed only one DCoE award that is active at the same time.
BUDGET AND PROJECT PERIOD:

- Award Budget:
  - Up to $500,000 direct costs per year.
  - UCSF indirect cost policy will apply except for non-federal entities.
- Project Period: up to 4 years.

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS UCSF MAY SUBMIT: 1

APPLICATION TYPES ALLOWED: New

DUE DATES:

- **Internal**: 11:59 PM, Monday, September 18, 2023. If multiple groups submit an LOI, an additional pre-application will be due Tuesday, October 03, 2023.
- PIs submit directly to the LSP; RMS does not get involved unless and until you are nominated.
- Sponsor: Friday, November 03, 2023

Submit the attached Letter of Intent (LOI) by 11:59 PM, September 18, 2023, to: limitedsubmissions@ucsf.edu

To qualify for UCSF Limited Submissions Program opportunities, applicants must have a paid UCSF appointment either at the time of application or anticipated by the time of award.

The LSP is a selection process, not an award process. As the LSP is under significant time constraints, all reviewer feedback is optional. We encourage you to seek other avenues for proposal feedback.

For information on all current LSOs, please visit: http://rdo.ucsf.edu/limited-submission-program-lsp

Sent by Connie D’Aura on behalf of the Limited Submissions Program (LSP) within the Research Development Office (RDO).