

Hello Everyone,

I have added two additional grant opportunities (number 9 and 10 below) that were just announced two days ago as part of the NIH Stimulus package. I tried to capture the major aspects of these new announcements as I did for numbers 1-8, which I have included as part of this e-mail. For those of you who have not yet indicated that you are planning to submit an award please let me know so that I can organize things with Grants and Contracts. **AGAIN, PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU INTEND TO SUBMIT AN AWARD. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHICH AWARD, THE PI, THE TITLE OF THE PROJECT AND A ROUGH ESTIMATE OF THE DOLLARS REQUESTED. THANK YOU.**

Here is a quick summary of the funding opportunity announcements recently distributed by NIH.

1. **Shared Instrumentation Grant (SIG) Program**

- \$100 - 500K. They have \$43 million to support 125 awards.
- Direct costs only for 1 year
- There is no cost share from university
- There is no limit to the number of applications, but there can be no overlap within institution.
- Submission deadline is 03/23/2009
- For submission use PAR-09-028
- Must have at least 3 NIH funded investigators

2. **High End Instrumentation Grant Program**

- \$600k - 8 million. They have \$160 million for 40 awards
- Direct costs only
- There is no cost share from university
- There is no limit to the number of applications, but no overlap
- Must have at least 3 NIH funded investigators
- Letter of intent due 04/06/2009
- Submission deadline 05/06/2009
- For submission use PAR-09-118

3. **Extramural Research Facilities Improvement Program**

- \$1.08 billion total
- To expand, remodel, renovate, or alter biomedical or behavioral research facilities: improve biomedical research and animal facilities.
- Earliest submission 04/06/2009
- For projects between \$2 – 5 million 05/06/2009 deadline
- For projects between \$10 – 15 million 06/17/2009 deadline
- For projects between \$5 – 10 million 07/17/2009 deadline
- PI must be highly placed institutional official (C, VC, Dean, Provost, Center or Institute Director)
- Each institution can submit no more than 3 applications
- For submission use RFA-09-008
- There is no cost sharing

4. **Core Facility Renovation, Repair, and Improvement**

- \$1.08 billion total
- Can request \$1 – 10 million
- Earliest submission 08/17/2009
- Deadline date 09/17/2009
- PI Must be highly placed institutional official (C, VC, Dean, Provost, Center or Institute Director)
- Each institution can submit no more than 2 applications
- For Submission use RFA-RR-09-007
- There is no cost sharing

5. **NIH Challenge Grants**

- \$200 million total for 200 grants
- These are 2 year awards - \$500K/yr
- Earliest submission date 03/27/2009
- Deadline for submission 04/27/2009
- Very specific challenge areas:
 - a. behavior, behavioral change, and prevention
 - b. bioethics
 - c. biomarker discovery and validation
 - d. clinical research
 - e. comparative effectiveness research
 - f. enabling technologies
 - g. enhancing clinical trials
 - h. genomics
 - i. health disparities
 - j. IT for processing health care data
 - k. regenerative medicine
 - l. science, technology, engineering and mathematics education
 - m. smart biomaterials
 - n. stem cells
 - o. translational science

6. **Administrative Supplements**

- To accelerate the tempo of scientific research on active NIH grants
- To promote job creation
- Submissions accepted in ALL scientific program areas
- Support for 2 years (2009 and 2010)
- No submission deadline date but is for 2009 and 2010 only
- No limit to numbers submitted by institution or PI except you must have an active NIH grant
- Cannot propose NEW research objectives
- Will not consider requests to restore previous budgeted adjustments
- Can hire additional personnel, buy new equipment and technologies to expand existing grant
- Cannot ask for more than 50% of the amount of the parent grant
- Seems to me that this is a “no brainer”. Everyone with a funded NIH grant should apply

7. **Administrative Supplements Providing Summer Research Experiences for Students and Science Educators**

- To promote job creation, economic development and accelerate the pace and achievement of scientific research
- To encourage students to pursue research careers in the health sciences and promote teachers in having experiences in NIH funded institutions and laboratories
- Support for 2 years (2009 and 2010)
- Must have active NIH grant support
- No limit on numbers of awards for the institution or PI
- No submission deadline date but is for 2009 and 2010 only
- Will provide minimum wage for high school students; \$10 per hour for undergraduate students; up to \$18,000 plus fringe benefit costs of up to \$2,500 for science teachers and faculty; plus \$1,000 for laboratory costs per perso

8. **Competitive Revision Applications**

- To submit revision applications to support a significant expansion of the scope or research protocols of approved and funded applications
- Deadline for submission is April 21, 2009
- Only for existing NIH grants
- For costs to support new research objectives and aims that are outside of the scope of the approved parent grant
- Support for 2 years only (2009 and 2010)
- No maximum dollar limit but the work must be completed in 2 years
- Will not consider requests to restore previous budget adjustments.

9. **Research and Research Infrastructure “Grand Opportunities” – GO Grants**

- \$200 million available
- Letter of Intent required by Apr. 27, 2009
- Submission deadline is May 27, 2009
- No limit on the size of the proposal, but, must be greater than \$500 K total costs per year
- Institutions and applicants can submit more than one application
- No renewals and no resubmissions allowed
- No cost sharing or matching funds involved
- To support projects that address large, specific biomedical and biobehavioral research that will benefit from 2 year funds without the expectation of continued NIH funding beyond 2 years. Should have high short term, high impact, and a high likelihood of enabling growth and investment in biomedical research and development, public health, and health care delivery. This will involve research projects that accelerate clinical breakthroughs, early and applied research on cutting edge technologies and new approaches to improve synergy and interactions among multi and inter disciplinary teams. Should involve clinical, basic science or translational research.

10. **Supporting New Faculty Recruitment to Enhance Research Resources through Biomedical Research Core Centers (P30)**

- \$100 million available
- Letter of Intent required by Apr. 29, 2009
- Submission deadline is May 29, 2009
- Budget will vary, no absolute limit
- Some limitation on the number of proposal submitted by institution
- No renewals and no resubmissions allowed
- No cost sharing or matching funds involved
- 2 year requests only
- Purpose is to hire newly recruited faculty to develop research projects within the context of Biomedical Core Centers. These core centers are defined as a community of multidisciplinary researchers focusing on areas of biomedical research relevant to NIH such as centers, departments, programs and trans-departmental collaborations or consortia. This award will provide funding to hire, provide start-up packages and develop pilot research projects for newly-independent investigators.

I am sure that there will be additional requests for proposals involving the stimulus package soon and I will try to keep you informed of all of them as they appear. I am sorry for all the e-mails, but things at NIH are moving very fast and I am trying hard to keep everyone up to date about these stimulus package grants.

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