The overall goals for the EHS CC Program are to enhance the capabilities of existing programs in environmental health sciences, assist with building programmatic and scientific capacity, lead in the development of novel research directions, recruit and groom future leaders in the field, and pioneer efforts in community engagement. The EHS CC grant provides facilities and resources to accelerate research along the spectrum from basic mechanistic and toxicological science to population and public health and dissemination. It should create a structure and flexibility that allows center members with different expertise to come together in order to answer complex and/or emerging questions and capitalize on the latest scientific trends leading to improved strategies towards preventing environmentally-induced disorders. While the EHS CC grant provides support for core resources and facilities, it does not provide direct funding for research projects, although limited funds are provided for pilot projects.

NIH considers community engagement and multi-directional communication as essential activities to advance the goals and relevance of an EHS CC. Therefore the structure of the Center should facilitate multi-directional interaction with communities and EHS CC members through the required Community Outreach and Engagement Core. In addition, EHS Cores are expected to attract established and promising investigators into environmental health research and provide opportunities for career enhancement.

The existence of a strong research capability in environmental health sciences is fundamental to establishment or continuation of an EHS CC. To qualify for support, an institution must demonstrate this research capability so as to have a clearly identifiable, major scientific focus in environmental health research. Prior to submission of an application, the proposed Center Director is encouraged to consult with Institute Staff regarding the adequacy of the research base.
ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for an EHS CC award, the applicant institution must demonstrate that they have a minimum of three active NIEHS-supported research awards from three distinct PDs/PIs who are members of the proposed Center. At the time of submission of an application, the qualifying awards must have at least 1 full active year remaining.

Acceptable support includes R00, R01, R03, R21, R33, R37, R43, R44, P01, P42, P50, U01, U19, U24, U2C and or Research Career Development Awards (K-grants). Each multi-component (e.g. P01, P50, or U19) award will count as one qualifying research project regardless of the location of the parent grant.

Clinical trials, T-awards, U45, and Conference awards (R13, U13) do not count towards this requirement. Furthermore, grants and cooperative agreements in extension periods, either with or without additional funds, as well as supplements of any kind, do not count toward this requirement.

LIMIT ON NUMBER OF PROPOSALS PER ORGANIZATION

Only one application per institution (normally identified by having a unique DUNS number or NIH IPF number) is allowed.

KEY DATES

If you are interested in this funding opportunity, please contact Fruma Yehiely (yehiely@northwestern.edu) by February 22, 2016.

The sponsor application due date is May 6, 2016.

COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES

The Office of Research Development offers assistance in identifying and facilitating collaborations, putting together interdisciplinary teams, programmatic and administrative development of large, cross-school proposals, and leveraging institutional resources for outreach and education. Contact Fruma Yehiely (yehiely@northwestern.edu), Associate Vice President for Research, for more information.

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