Please note that this funding opportunity has a very short timeline.

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY – OFFICE OF RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT

Limited Submission Funding Opportunity

National Institutes of Health: NEI Center Core Grant for Vision Research (P30)


FOA#: PAR-14-232

An NEI Center Core Grant combines three or more Resource and/or Service Cores for a group of R01 investigators to enhance their research, consolidate resources, avoid duplication of efforts, and/or contribute to cost effectiveness by providing a service with lower cost or higher quality than could be attempted for independent projects by several individual PDs/PIs. The design and purpose of each Center Core may vary in how it serves its users. This program is designed to enhance an institution's environment and capability to conduct vision research and to facilitate collaborative studies of the visual system and its disorders.

An NEI Center Core Grant should increase the productivity and impact of research in eligible projects of the Core users, and should create a collaborative environment to increase scientific interactions. A strong research base of funded projects is an eligibility requirement and a major factor in obtaining an NEI Center Core Grant award. Any institution or consortium applying for an NEI Center Core Grant must have an active, established program in basic, epidemiological, biomedical or behavioral research in one or more of the NEI mission areas described at http://www.nei.nih.gov/funding/nprp.asp.

ELIGIBILITY

Institutions applying for an NEI Center Core Grant must hold a minimum of eight funded R01 NEI grants on the due date of the application. Grant applications in administrative extensions, with or without additional funds, are not eligible. Administrative supplements, revisions, and sub-contracts cannot be counted toward eligibility. Eligibility will be confirmed by NEI staff prior to the meeting of the Scientific Review Group (SRG).

For a specific Core to be funded, it must be used to a "moderate" or "extensive" degree by at least three investigators from institutions with 19 or fewer eligible grants and five investigators from institutions with 20 or more eligible grants.

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
Internal Letter of Intent due: August 3, 2015 (by 12 noon)
Sponsor Proposal due: September 30, 2015 (by 5 pm)

SUBMITTING A MANDATORY LETTER OF INTENT
Faculty members interested in this funding opportunity are required to submit a letter of intent (LOI). An LOI is required but not binding.

1. Click here to access the LOI form.
2. Name the LOI as follows: “LastName-FirstInitial-LOI-NEI-P30-2015”, replacing “LastName” with your last name and “First Initial” with your first initial.
3. Click on the Vault ticket: https://vault2.northwestern.edu/xythoswfs/webui/_xy-e6658398_1-t_L9iQJY4g
4. Click the Upload button.
5. Click the Browse button and navigate to your file on your hard drive or network.
6. Click the OK button.

Note: You will get a tiny confirmation message upon upload. If you do not see it, you may contact Karen Cielo k-cielo@northwestern.edu for a confirmation.

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), Director of ORD, for more information.

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