The objective of the Post baccalaureate Research Education Program (PREP) is to prepare individuals from backgrounds underrepresented in biomedical and behavioral sciences who have recently obtained their baccalaureate degrees for successful completion of PhD or MD-PhD training programs. For the purposes of this funding opportunity, recent baccalaureate graduates are those who have graduated from an accredited U.S. college or university no more than 36 months prior to applying to the PREP and are not currently enrolled in a degree program. In order to increase their acceptance into rigorous doctoral training programs, PREP participants will receive extensive research experiences and take courses for skills development during a one- to two-year research apprenticeship, to further develop their scholarly potential and improve their research skills.

It is expected that upon completion of apprenticeship, PREP participants will apply to high-caliber doctoral training programs. It is also anticipated that institutional PREPs will help awardee institutions in achieving greater diversity in their doctoral programs, either through institutional change fostered by experience with the PREP program and/or through recruitment of successful PREP participants into those programs.

**LIMIT ON NUMBER OF PROPOSALS PER ORGANIZATION**
Only one application per institution is allowed.

**KEY DATES**
- Internal Letter of Intent Due: August 24, 2015 (by midnight)
- Sponsor Proposal Due: January 25, 2016 (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-NIH-PREP-R25”, 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-e6792009_1-t_B8N19d0h](https://vault2.northwestern.edu/xythoswfs/webui/xy-e6792009_1-t_B8N19d0h)
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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