

## LIMITED SUBMISSION FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

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<b>Sponsor:</b>	National Institute of Health ( <a href="#">NIH</a> )
<b>Participating Organization:</b>	National Institute on Minority Health & Health Disparities (NIMHD)
<b>Title:</b>	<a href="#">Limited Competition: NIMHD Exploratory Centers of Excellence Pilot Research Projects (P20)</a>
<b>FOA Number</b>	RFA-MD-14-003
<b>Internal Review Deadline:</b>	<b>Tuesday, May 6, 2014 5:00</b>
<b>Sponsor Deadlines:</b>	May 19, 2014 - Letter of Intent - Optional June 19, 2014 5:00 PM - Local time Application
<b>Nominations allowed:</b>	One application per institution
<b>Award Amount:</b>	\$200,000 in total direct costs
<b>Duration:</b>	One year

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**This is a limited submission opportunity requiring internal review; please see internal review instructions below.**

**Award Description:** The NIMHD Exploratory Centers of Excellence (COE) program provides a means through which an institution or consortium of institutions can integrate and centralize minority health and health disparities research, and support high-risk/high-reward projects with the potential to lead to sustained collaborative efforts. Pilot projects can provide a means to seed emerging research areas, explore new methodologies or approaches, and pursue new partnerships and collaborations that could evolve into independently funded research and/or demonstration projects addressing priority areas. Leveraging COE resources, this initiative seeks to broaden and enhance the spectrum of research associated with COEs through innovative pilot projects that complement ongoing COE activities and stimulate trans-disciplinary and/or translational approaches.

### **Specific Areas of Research Interest**

Research on cross-cutting topics involving multidisciplinary teams of basic and applied biological, behavioral and/or social science researchers is particularly encouraged. Priority areas include HIV/AIDS, co-morbid conditions, and major non-communicable chronic diseases or conditions. Topics of interest include but are not limited to examples listed below.

- Research identifying new strategies for health promotion and disease prevention for priority health disparity conditions, particularly HIV/AIDS
- Studies examining biological disease mechanisms or pathways that contribute to differential health outcomes in minority and health disparity populations, including investigation of gene-environment interactions and epigenetic mechanisms of health disparities
- Interventions addressing poor health status and disproportionate disease burden in understudied health disparity populations not routinely captured in national studies, including indigenous populations in the U.S. and its territories, low-income rural populations and other socially disadvantaged communities, and small population sub-groups of ethnic minorities.
- Dissemination activities that include examination of broad application, acceptability and/or adoption of health disparity research results to communities on an intervention that the COE is already investigating or has investigated
- Develop innovative data capturing projects to implement data linkages between community health information and the social and environmental determinants of health

### **Eligible Individuals:** (Program Director/Principal Investigator)

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 his/her organization to develop an application for support. Individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups as well as individuals with disabilities are always encouraged to apply for NIH support.

### **INTERNAL REVIEW INSTRUCTIONS:**

#### **Required documentation:**

- **Summary Page (1 page)**
  - **Complete contact information of PI including: full name and current academic title with the university, depart, phone number, email address**
  - **Title of this funding opportunity**
  - **Descriptive title of proposed research**
  - **Names of other key personnel (if applicable)**

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- Participating institutions (if applicable)
  - **Proposal (2-4 pages)**  
***Tailored to address the sponsor's goals/focus (full details online) and including:***
    - Specific Aims:** State concisely the overall goals of the proposed pilot project. List succinctly the specific objectives, e.g., to test a stated hypothesis, create a novel design, solve a specific problem, challenge an existing paradigm or clinical practice, address a critical barrier to progress in the field, or develop new technology.
    - Research Strategy:** Explain how the proposed pilot project complements and enhances the range of research and dissemination activities conducted by the participating COE. Describe how the COE's infrastructure and resources will be leveraged to ensure successful completion of the project's stated aims. Clearly describe the roles and responsibilities of all members of the research team. If the project involves implementation or dissemination of an existing intervention, describe expected improvements in health relative to an existing baseline measure for the health disparity population(s) under study.
  - **Biographical Sketch (maximum of 4 pages)**
    - Including other support
- **COMBINE ALL DOCUMENTS LISTED ABOVE INTO ONE PDF and email to Limited Submission Committee at [hsfunding@ucsd.edu](mailto:hsfunding@ucsd.edu) by the date and TIME listed above.**
- **In the body of your submission email, include your full name and contact information (often accomplished by including an email signature).**

**UCSD will prescreen and select 1 applicant, as allowed by the sponsor, to move forward to the full application stage.**

All applications for funding must also be reviewed by the Office of Contracts and Grant Administration (OCGA). Upon receiving notification of passing internal review, the selected PI(s) will also be given the contact information for the appropriate OCGA officer. Coordination of the OCGA review will be direct between the PI and their OCGA contact.

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### **CONTACTS**

#### **Internal Contact for Questions:**

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