Limited Submission Funding Opportunity

American Heart Association: Strategically Focused Research Network (SFRN)

Go Red For Women Research Network Including the Sarah Ross Soter Center for Women’s Cardiovascular Research

(Full solicitation is attached)

http://my.americanheart.org/professional/Research/FundingOpportunities/Summer-2015-Go-Red-For-Women-Research-Network_UCM_472307_Article.jsp

This SFRN will focus on the understanding, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of women’s health. Four to five (4-5) Research Centers will make up the Network and will be supported for a period of four (4) years. These Centers will constitute the Network and will be awarded a total of $15-19 million over that period. One of these Centers will be designated as the Sarah Ross Soter Center for Women’s Cardiovascular Research in recognition of the Soter Family’s generous funding of a Center as well as network-wide collaborative grants. This RFA seeks to have basic, clinical and population/behavioral health teams join together and submit proposals which address the topic of women’s health via their individual areas of expertise. A Center may be sited at one or at multiple institutions under the leadership of one. Broad collaborations for expertise are highly encouraged.

Each Center will:

- Conduct three (3) cohesive research projects of scope equivalent to an R01
- Provide a training program for fellows, training three (3) Center-funded postdoctoral fellows during the period of the award
- Be linked to the other Centers by AHA-organized interactions and meetings with the intent to accelerate exchange of ideas, encourage sharing of commonly-useful knowledge and methods, and provide networking opportunities for trainees
- Report annually on its efforts towards integration with the other centers, as well as observations on successes/challenges of such integration
- Interact as part of the AHA Go Red For Women Research Network and further defined by the Oversight Advisory Committee

Successful applications will provide strong evidence of synergy among the proposed projects and will address at least one of the issues below or an alternate issue of equal importance:

1. What are novel BASIC MECHANISTIC PATHWAYS which will impact CVD and stroke in women across the lifespan?
2. What are the most comprehensive DIAGNOSTIC AND RISK-REDUCTION STRATEGIES for predicting CVD and stroke in women?
3. How do SOCIAL DETERMINANTS and healthcare system actions impact a woman’s experience with CVD and stroke?
4. What are the most effective pharmacologic, device and behavioral TREATMENTS for women with various stages of heart disease?

**ELIGIBILITY**
Directors and Principal Investigators of projects of the Centers must demonstrate a 20% minimum effort requirement for the Director, a 5% minimum effort for the Training Director and a 10% minimum effort requirement for Principal Investigators (PI) of Center projects.

Please see attached full solicitation for additional details.

**LIMIT ON NUMBER OF PROPOSALS PER ORGANIZATION**
An institution may only submit one AHA Strategically Focused Research Network Application for this competition.

**KEY DATES**
If you are interested in this funding opportunity, please send a one-page summary of the proposed research and your biosketch to Eric Boberg (e-boberg@northwestern.edu) by June 15, 2015.

Sponsor letter of intent (optional) is due date is August 31, 2015.
The sponsor application due date is November 17, 2015.

**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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