Limited Submission Funding Opportunity

American Heart Association’s Strategically Focused Heart Failure Research Network

(Full solicitation is attached)

http://my.americanheart.org/professional/Research/FundingOpportunities/Winter-2016-Strategically-Focused-Heart-Failure-Research-Network_UCM_472308_Article.jsp

This Strategically Focused Research Network (SFRN) will focus on the understanding, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of heart failure. Three to four (3-4) 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 $12-15 million over that period.

This RFA seeks to have basic, clinical and population/behavioral health teams join together and submit proposals which address the topic of heart failure 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 Strategically Focused Heart Failure Research Network according to the Collaboration Expectations 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 the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and outcomes of heart failure?
2. How do SOCIAL DETERMINANTS and healthcare system actions or the trajectory of Heart Failure as a chronic disease impact the patient’s experience with heart failure?
3. What are the most effective pharmacologic, device and behavioral TREATMENTS for various stages of heart failure?

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 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 October 12, 2015.

The sponsor letter of intent (optional) due date is December 1, 2015.

The sponsor application due date is February 3, 2015.

**ASSISTANCE WITH PROPOSAL PREPARATION**
The Training Grant Support Office assists faculty in the preparation of institutional training grant applications, including: Data table production involving institution-wide and Training Grant Support Office-tracked data; Proposal development aids; Advice, sharing of best practices, tips and traps; Coordination of special funding/commitment requests made to The Graduate School in support of the training grant; and Special training grant-related projects. Please contact Jennifer E. Hobbs, PhD, Assistant Dean, Graduate and Postdoctoral Training and Development (jennifer-hobbs@northwestern.edu).

**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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