Grant Title: RESEARCH ON ETHICAL ISSUES IN HUMAN SUBJECTS RESEARCH (R01, R03, R21)

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Area of Research: Research addressing the ethical challenges of human subjects research.

Release and Expiration: Expiration Date: September 8, 2010.

Application Deadline: R01-New: February 5, June 5, October 5 annually; Resubmissions: March 5, July 5, November 5 annually; R03, R21-New: February 16, June 16, October 16 annually. Resubmissions: March 16, July 16, November 16 annually.

Amount: R01: Typically under $500,000 per year in direct costs; if request equals or exceeds $500,000, prior approval is required; R03: $50,000 per year; maximum of $100,000 over a 2 year period; R21: $275,000 direct costs for the 2 year period.

Length of Support: R01: Up to 5 years; R03: 2 years; R21: 2 years.

Eligible Applicants: Public and State controlled institutions of higher education. See the full announcement for a complete list of eligible applicants.

Summary: The purpose of this funding opportunity is to solicit research addressing the ethical challenges of human subjects research in order to optimize the protection of human subjects and enhance the ethical conduct of human subjects research. Recent developments in biomedical and behavioral research which include the rapid growth of new interventions and technologies, increasing involvement of foreign populations in human subjects research, and concerns about financial conflicts of interest among researchers, challenge investigators' abilities to interpret and apply the regulations. Other situations (e.g., research with vulnerable populations, research on stigmatizing diseases or conditions) may present difficulties for identifying strategies, procedures, and/or techniques that will enhance/ensure the ethical involvement of human subjects in research. Thus, research on ethical issues in human subjects research is necessary to enhance interpretation and application of ethical principles and regulatory requirements. In conducting research on ethical issues in human subjects research, different conceptual frameworks for ethics (e.g., principlism, deontology, utilitarianism, rights, ethics of care, etc.) exist and may provide presuppositions and theoretical foundations from which bioethical questions can be formulated and tested.