Grant Title: STRATEGIC RESEARCH CLUSTER GRANTS

Funding Opportunity Number: N/A

Agency/Department: UNL, Office of Research & Economic Development.

Area of Research: To foster and support interdisciplinary research groups at UNL in developing their competitiveness for large-scale grants. Research clusters that build collaborations across departments, colleges and campuses, and with other institutions of strategic importance are critical to enhancing our competitiveness.

Release and Expiration: N/A

Application Deadline: Rolling Deadline.

Amount: $50,000.

Length of Support: One year.

Eligible Applicants: Applicant must be a UNL faculty member on a continuous appointment (tenure-leading or tenured with a rank of assistant professor or above), or a research (associate/assistant/full) professor or senior lecturer on the payroll of UNL. Visiting and adjunct appointees, and other lecturer ranks are excluded. For each program, a faculty member may submit only one application as principal investigator, but is not limited as a co-investigator on other projects. UNL faculty can be awarded only one internal award as a PI in any academic year. Furthermore, UNL faculty cannot be awarded more than 2 internal grants as PI over any 4 year period.

Summary: The overall goal of the Strategic Research Cluster Grant program is to foster and support interdisciplinary research groups at UNL in developing their competitiveness for large-scale grants. This goal will be accomplished through funding of research clusters targeting specific federal agency programs that offer programmatic, multi-million dollar funding. Research clusters that build collaborations across departments, colleges and campuses, and with other institutions of strategic importance are critical to enhancing our competitiveness. These partnerships should emerge naturally from shared research interests and needs, and take into account funding opportunities, institutional history, academic priorities and UNL's unique strengths. This initiative offers competitive grant funding to encourage the development and success of such partnerships. Research Cluster Grants are NOT meant to provide seed funding for proposal development by small teams, as there are other internal mechanisms to support these projects (e.g., Research Council funding). This program is intended to build capacity and support development of large scale projects and centers. Funds must be used to support interdisciplinary groups of researchers whose research targets an area where there is a known opportunity for obtaining competitive federal funding. The outcome expected is submission of a proposal for a center, program project or other large-scale research grant of $500,000 or more per year, for three or more years (exceptions to this funding level may be considered in unique circumstances). Funds may not be used for remodeling or alteration of facilities or for core facilities. Awards may not be used to replace current funding. Tenure leading/tenured faculty salary may not be requested. Funds may be used for salary for non-tenure-track research positions, post-doctoral positions, graduate students and technical personnel for no more than a two-year appointment.

Detailed Information: http://research.unl.edu/facultyresources/docs/ResearchClusters.doc http://research.unl.edu/facultyresources/annual_competitions.shtml