Grant Title: INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES RESEARCH CENTERS (P30)

Funding Opportunity Number: RFA-HD-13-002. CFDA Number(s): 93.865.

Agency/Department: Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health (NIH), and Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD).

Area of Research: Advance the diagnosis, prevention, treatment, and amelioration of intellectual and developmental disabilities.


Amount: Application budgets are not limited, but need to reflect the actual needs of the proposed project. Support for the entire IDDRC should not exceed $1.3 million in total costs per year.

Length of Support: Up to 5 years.

Eligible Applicants: Public/State Controlled Institutions of Higher Education. See the full announcement for a complete list of eligible individuals.

Summary: The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to seek applications for the Eunice Kennedy Shriver Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research Centers (IDDRCs). The Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) invites applications for research center cooperative agreements designed to advance the diagnosis, prevention, treatment, and amelioration of intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). This FOA seeks applications from institutions that meet the qualifications for a multi-disciplinary program of IDD research that will include: 1) Cores that facilitate interdisciplinary and translational research in IDD, and support IDD-related projects funded by other sources; and 2) at least one specific research project related to one of five focus themes identified as an area of research need in IDD. Funds for the majority of research projects using these core facilities come from independent sources including Federal, State, and private organizations. A major goal of the NICHD IDDRC Program is to support research that leads to the prevention and/or amelioration of IDD. The intent of the IDDRC Specialized Center-Cooperative Agreement program is to bring together scientists from various disciplines to work within a Center on the most pressing issues related to IDD. Each IDDRC typically supports investigators studying a range of topics in basic and clinical or applied research. This FOA also encourages support of postdoctoral trainees, junior investigators, and investigators new to the IDD field through their access to Core services, as one of the goals of the IDDRC program is to attract scientists to IDD research. NICHD strongly encourages translation of basic research observations into patient-oriented protocols whose ultimate aims are to validate the mechanistic basis of IDD in humans and to develop new approaches for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of IDD. To facilitate compliance with the U54 mechanism, it is essential that scientific personnel and institutional resources capable of providing a strong research base in the IDD field are available. There also must be a strong institutional commitment. The commitment may take the form of faculty appointments and/or partial salary support for investigators, purchase of research equipment, or assignment of research space to facilitate collaborative research and interdisciplinary interaction. Scientists may have access to the Center's centralized facilities and participate in its activities while retaining independent control of their respective research projects. However, all activities using NICHD Center funds must be relevant to the mission of NICHD's IDD Center program.