Grant Title: NIDA CORE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE GRANT PROGRAM (P30)

Funding Opportunity Number: PAR-10-220. CFDA Number(s): 93.279.

Agency/Department: Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Institutes on Drug Abuse (NIDA).

Area of Research: Administrative and scientific infrastructure support of associated constituent research projects that will be directed to new research in drug abuse and addiction.


Amount: Because the nature and scope of the proposed research will vary from application to application, it is anticipated that the size and duration of each award will also vary. See Specific Instructions for Applications Requesting $500,000 (direct costs) or more per Year.

Length of Support: Up to five years of support.

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

Summary: Core Center of Excellence Grants (P30) are intended to bring together investigators currently funded by NIH or other Federal or non-Federal sources to enhance the effectiveness of existing research and also extend the focus of research to drug abuse and addiction. A Core Center of Excellence should support innovation and be on the cutting edge of science. Incremental work should not be the focus of Center Activities. It is expected that research activities will cross a variety of disciplines to bring multiple perspectives and approaches to bear on significant problems. The Center should reflect thematic integration so that the Center does not appear to support a collection of independent research projects. Multidisciplinary interactions in the Center are expected to have a synergistic effect that results in greater depth, breadth, quality of research and productivity beyond what is possible among individual research projects. The applicant may propose pooling of existing core resources and request additional support for developing a shared research infrastructure. The research infrastructure support may include, for example, administrative coordination, subject recruitment, equipment, laboratories, statistical analysis, quality control, training in methodology, and database management. It should be made clear how this Center support would enhance a minimum of 3 funded constituent research projects with at least 2 distinct principal investigators and result in programmatic coherence, synergy and integration. Applicants must demonstrate the potential for the continuation of funding of participating projects, and there must be at least two years of funding left for each project identified at the time of submission. Funds may be requested for pilot research projects. A NIDA P30 Core Center of Excellence grant contains an administrative core and one or more research support cores, providing centralized resources and facilities for funded research projects that will be directed to new research in drug abuse and addiction. These may include, but are not limited to, genetics, proteomics, molecular, cellular, organ, system, developmental, behavioral, clinical, treatment, social, epidemiology, prevention, health services and AIDS. Training and mentoring to enhance junior researchers or other researchers' skills should be conducted consistent to the Center's goal, but funds may not be used for training stipends or training not required to conduct the research. A Core Center may also contain a core to support pilot projects. In addition, NIDA P30 research Centers are expected to serve as national research resources in the drug abuse research field. They are expected to attract established and promising investigators into drug abuse research, provide opportunities for research training, career development, and mentoring, as well as for community outreach to enhance effective dissemination of research findings.