Limited Submission RFP - Call for Nominations

NIH Science Education Partnership Award

Sponsor's Name: NIH/DHHS
Sponsor Contact Information: L. Tony Beck, Ph.D.
Funding Amount: $250,000 annually for 5 years
Sponsor's Deadline: 5/22/2016
Response to OSP: 3/22/2016
Most recent success: None
Awards per University: One
Applications per College: Unlimited, please see on-campus nomination process
SPIN URL: https://spin.infoedglobal.com/Program/Opportunity/40579

Synopsis
Office of Research Infrastructure Programs (ORIP) invites applications to its SEPA program for the development of innovative educational activities for pre-kindergarten to grade 12 (P-12), teachers and students from underserved communities with a focus on Courses for Skills Development, Research Experiences, Mentoring Activities, Curriculum or Methods Development or Informal science Education (ISE) exhibits, and Outreach activities. This FOA will use the NIH Research Education (R25) grant mechanism.

Eligibility
Eligible applicants are: for-profit or non-profit organizations; public/State-controlled institutions of higher education; private institutions of higher education; units of State and local governments; units of State and local Tribal government; Hispanic-serving institutions; Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs); Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions; Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs); Small Business; eligible agencies of the Federal government; domestic institutions/orGANizations; faith-based or community-based organizations; independent school districts; charter schools; and science centers and museums. More than one PD/PI, or multiple PDs/Pis, may be designated on the application for projects that require a “team science” approach that clearly does not fit the single-PD/PI model. Institutions are limited to a single SEPA award. An institution, normally identified by having a unique DUNS number or NIH IPF number, with an active SEPA project is not eligible to submit a new SEPA application.

Funding Guidelines
This program will use the NIH Research Education (R25) grant mechanism. Applications submitted in response to this announcement must be submitted electronically through Grants.gov, using the SF424 Research and Related (R&R) forms and SF424 (R&R) Application Guide. ORIP intends to commit approximately $2,000,000 in FY 2015, 2016 and 2017. Direct costs are limited to $250,000 annually. F&A will be budgeted and reimbursed at a rate of 8 percent of modified total direct costs, exclusive of tuition and fees, health insurance (when awarded as part of tuition and fees), expenditures for equipment, and consortia in excess of $25,000. The project period may not exceed 5 years.

The on-campus nomination process
- Research Associate Deans advise faculty of restricted funding opportunity. Web sites are included to help distribute program information.
- Applicants provide their Research Associate Dean with a nomination that includes a 2-page Curriculum Vitae and Nomination Cover Letter detailing how the nominee meets the requirements for the award.
- Colleges select as many eligible candidates as allowed. However, colleges must rank them and provide the comments.
- Colleges fill out the Limited Submission RFP Nomination Form cover page found on the Limited Submission Program Announcements web page (https://rsweb.research.colostate.edu/restrictedprograms/restricted_programs.aspx)
- Colleges forward nominations, including the Limited Submission RFP Nomination Form cover page, to Sponsored Programs via email (Restricted@research.colostate.edu). DUE: 3/22/2016
- The Vice President for Research and the VPR leadership team, in consultation with the Deans or other advisory groups as necessary, will determine which proposal(s) will be sent to the program.