UNM Researchers,

The Office of the Vice President for Research is requesting e-mails of interest for the NIH Centers of Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE) (P20) program. Only one application from main campus is allowed. COBRE proposals are complex and require significant planning, institutional support and internal and external collaboration in order to submit a strong proposal. The OVPR is requesting emails of interest to determine if an internal competition between eligible PIs will be needed.

The COBRE program seeks to promote the initiation and development or expansion of unique, innovative state-of-the-art biomedical and behavioral research centers at institutions in IDeA-eligible states. Research supported by this program spans the full spectrum of basic and clinical sciences and encompasses all areas of health-related investigation. The program allows Direct Costs up to $1.5M/year for 5 years.

The deadline for full proposals to the NIH is January 24, 2017.

Faculty are strongly encouraged to review the funding announcement at https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-16-415.html before submitting an email of interest.

The Email of Interest must include:

**Theme (200 words maximum):** describe the scientific focus in a specific research area that uses basic, clinical, and/or translational research approaches, including community engagement and outreach research.

**PI (Current NIH Biosketch):** Description of current research focus as well as listing of current relevant peer-reviewed funding (NIH, NSF, or other Federal or non-Federal investigator-initiated support) and evidence of administrative leadership.

**Individual Research projects:** Identify at least 3-5 potential (eligible) junior faculty in complementary disciplines who might be included in the COBRE proposal.

If you are interested in submitting a proposal to the NIH for this funding opportunity, please send your statement of interest that addresses the items above by **noon, September 18, 2017** via email to limited@unm.edu.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at limited@unm.edu.

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