

## Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA): Support for Faculty Recruitment

The Arkansas IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE) announces a funding opportunity to support faculty recruitment within the Arkansas INBRE network of Primarily Undergraduate Institutions (PUI). Continuing the Arkansas INBRE commitment to strengthening IDeA state biomedical research, we propose to fund \$100,000 awards to five different partner or affiliate PUIs during the 5-year funding period (\$500,000 total) beginning May 2020.

Each recruitment package will consist of a \$100,000 award spread over 3 years. The awards over the 5-year grant period will follow the schedule below and begins with year 1 committing to 2 awards. YR1 corresponds to the period May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021, YR2 corresponds to the period May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022, etc.

	YR1	YR2	YR3	YR4	YR5
RECRUITMENT 1	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$30,000		
RECRUITMENT 2	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$30,000		
RECRUITMENT 3		\$35,000	\$35,000	\$30,000	
RECRUITMENT 4		\$35,000	\$35,000	\$30,000	
RECRUITMENT 5			\$35,000	\$35,000	\$30,000

Applications to be considered for round #1 of consideration (Recruitments 1 and 2) are being solicited with an application **deadline of March 20, 2020**. Applicant institutions are to provide a letter (3 page maximum) addressed to the Arkansas INBRE, Principal Investigator, Dr. Lawrence Cornett and emailed as a single pdf to [INBREApplication@uams.edu](mailto:INBREApplication@uams.edu). The letter should address the following:

1. Justification of the need for a new faculty member and a potential departmental home within the institution.
2. A description for how the hiring expands and enhances the research footprint within the institution.
3. A brief description of the recruitment strategy and mentoring support available to the new recruit.
4. An expectation the recruited faculty will have an area of research within the scope of Arkansas INBRE funding and able compete for Arkansas INBRE funding. Attach a curriculum vitae to the application, if a person has been recruited and has not yet joined the faculty.
5. The potential recruit will develop a research program relevant to human health and that will engage undergraduate students.
6. The Institution will make a financial commitment to the recruit, and that commitment will be outlined in a Letter of Support that will be requested if the Institution is an awardee.
7. A commitment that includes research laboratory space that is compatible with the initial needs of the recruit and has the ability to support and engage undergraduate students in their research.

Allowable expenses include, summer salary, student salaries, equipment, supplies, and core faculty usage fees. Academic-year salary is not considered an allowable expense.

We recognize that circumstances can change, e.g., a faculty recruitment can fail, and institutional priorities can change. Therefore, an institution that makes a commitment to a recruitment package in no way binds an institution to recruiting a faculty member. Arkansas INBRE commitment to a recruitment package is contingent upon funds being available as part of the renewal of the Arkansas INBRE, NIH P20 GM103429.

**Funding Period: Available as early as May 2020 and extending for 3 years**

**Maximum Direct Cost Request: \$100,000 spread over 3 years**

**Application Deadline: 5:00 PM, March 20, 2020.** Letters for a Faculty Recruitment Request should be sent via e-mail as a **single** PDF file to [INBREApplication@uams.edu](mailto:INBREApplication@uams.edu)

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