



NEW FACULTY RECRUITMENT
Due by 5:00 PM, November 9, 2020
Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)

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, the Arkansas INBRE will award \$100,000 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. Year 1 commitments for three of the five planned recruitment packages have been made. Applications for the fourth recruitment package are being solicited with an application **deadline of November 9, 2020**. Support can start as soon as May 1, 2021 and will extend for 3 years. Decisions will be made by mid-December, 2020.

	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

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. 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 that the recruited faculty will have an area of research within the scope of the Arkansas INBRE and will be able to 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 that the recruit has the ability to support and engage undergraduate students in their research.

Allowable expenses include summer salary for the recruit, student salaries, equipment, supplies, and core facility usage fees. Academic-year salary is not considered an allowable expense. Non-allowable expenses include vertebrate animal research subject to IACUC approval and human subject research subject to IRB approval.

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 2021 and extending for 3 years

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

Application Deadline: 5:00 PM, November 9, 2020. Letters for a Faculty Recruitment Request should be sent via e-mail as a **single** PDF file to INBREApplication@uams.edu

Questions?: Dr. Lawrence Cornett (CornettLawrenceE@uams.edu) or Dr. Jerry Ware (jware@uams.edu)