

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

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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 intend to fund one \$100,000 award. This award will complete our goal of providing awards to five different partner or affiliate PUIs during the 5-year funding period (\$500,000 total) that began May 2020.

The recruitment package will consist of a \$100,000 award spread over 3 years. (Year 1/\$30,000; Year 2/\$35,000; Year 3/\$35,000.) Applications to be considered for the final recruitment package are being solicited with an application **deadline of December 1, 2021**. Institutions (A-State, ATU, UCA, and OBU) that previously received an award from the prior FOA to support faculty recruitment are ineligible for the current FOA.

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 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.

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.

**Funding Period: Available as early as May 2022 and extending for 3 years**

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

**Application Deadline: 5:00 PM, December 1, 2021.** 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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