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Office of the Vice President for Research

Subject: Limited Competition: NIH, Initiative for Maximizing Student Development (IMSD) (T32 – Clinical Trial Not Allowed), (PAR-21-025)

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Dear UNM Researchers,

The goal of the NIH **Initiative for Maximizing Student Development (IMSD)** program is to develop a diverse pool of scientists earning a Ph.D. who have the skills to successfully transition into careers in the biomedical research workforce. This funding opportunity provides support to eligible, domestic institutions to develop and implement effective, evidence-informed approaches to biomedical graduate training and mentoring that will keep pace with the rapid evolution of the biomedical research enterprise. NIH expects that the proposed research training programs will incorporate didactic, research, mentoring, and career development elements to prepare trainees for careers that will have a significant impact on the health-related research needs of the United States. UNM qualifies as a "research-intensive institution" (i.e., an institution with NIH Research Project Grant funding averaging greater than or equal to $7.5 million in total costs (direct and F&A/indirect) per year over the last three fiscal years) and is therefore eligible to apply.

Application budgets are not limited but need to reflect the actual needs of the proposed project. Grantees are expected to be familiar with and comply with applicable cost policies and the NRSA Guidelines (*NIH Grants Policy Statement* - Institutional Research Training Grants). Funds may be used only for those expenses that are directly related to and necessary for the research training and must be expended in conformance with OMB Cost Principles, the *NIH Grants Policy Statement*, and the NRSA regulations, policies, guidelines, and conditions set forth in the FOA. Awards may be for project periods up to five years in duration and are renewable. Indirect Costs (F&A) are reimbursed at 8% of modified total direct costs (exclusive of tuition and fees, consortium costs in excess of $25,000, and expenditures for equipment), rather than on the basis of a negotiated rate agreement. More details can be found here: https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-21-025.html. The deadline for submitting full proposals to the agency is **January 30, 2023**.

This is a limited competition. **Each institution is limited to ONE application as lead.** If you are interested in submitting to this program, please send a statement of interest with a tentative project title and a brief description (200 words) by **NOON on November 15, 2022**. Submit your statement of interest via UNM's **InfoReady Review portal.** Based on the number of responses received, the Limited

Competitions Management Team may announce a call for pre-proposals. Please distribute this notice to departments and individuals whom you believe would be interested.

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

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