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**Please forward this information to the appropriate faculty immediately.**

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## **Institutional Limit on Proposal Submissions**

**National Institutes of Health**  
**National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NCMHD)**

**Title: NCMHD Exploratory Centers of Excellence (P20)**

This is a reissue of [RFA-MD-08-004](#)

**NIH Letters of Intent Deadline: May 19, 2009**  
**Full NIH/NCMHD Proposal Deadline: June 19, 2009**

### **LIMITED SUBMISSION – ONE (1) PER INSTITUTION**

Below is information about the National Institutes of Health Exploratory Centers of Excellence (P20) for 2009. NIH limits the number of proposals an organization can submit, as described above. Therefore, if the number of preproposals exceeds that limit (1), an internal review will be conducted to determine which proposals will be submitted from Mississippi State University.

If you are interested in submitting a proposal to the NIH, a preproposal that includes the information listed below must be submitted to the Office of Research and Economic Development (ORED), electronically to Sandra Harpole at [sharpole@research.msstate.edu](mailto:sharpole@research.msstate.edu) and **copied** to Katie Echols at [kechols@research.msstate.edu](mailto:kechols@research.msstate.edu) in the ORED office by **5 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 2009**. A committee of faculty members will screen applications and select the nominee to represent the University.

All preproposals must include:

1. Title of NIH Grant
2. Proposal Deadline
3. Title of Proposal
4. PI and Co-PIs with title and unit affiliation
5. Partner institutions/industries (if any)
6. Indicate if this is a resubmission – If so include copies of panel summary and all reviews
7. One paragraph providing a brief description of the proposed activities.

#### **Synopsis of Program:**

This FOA issued by the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NCMHD), NIH solicits grant applications from institutions/organizations that propose to establish an Exploratory NCMHD Center of Excellence (COE) contributing to either the improvement of minority health, the elimination of health disparities, or both. To be eligible for the COE in this FOA, applicant institutions must have existing federal research support and/or research infrastructure as reflected in a level of NIH institutional funding of **less than \$80 million for the**

**year 2007.** An Exploratory NCMHD COE supported under this FOA must contain an Administrative core, a Research core, a Research Training/Education core, and a Community/Engagement core. Pilot research projects or feasibility projects/studies are not supported under this FOA.

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**Amount:** It is anticipated that approximately five million dollars in total costs will be available in FY 2009 to support approximately four awards.

**Budget and Project Period.** Direct costs may not exceed \$950,000 per year for a period of up to five years. The total project period for an application submitted in response to this FOA may not exceed five years.