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NIGMS MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY CENTERS

ANNOUNCEMENT

The National Institute of General Medical Sciences has received authorization to encourage the development of research centers in cellular and molecular pathology. One-half million dollars was designated in the Institute's fiscal year 1974 appropriation to be devoted to the initiation of molecular pathology centers.

The centers are conceived as bringing together, under the focus of a general pathologic problem, several basic medical science disciplines and approaches in the study of disease.

Whereas pathologists have been concerned traditionally with altered cell forms of tissues and organs, specific disease patterns are now recognized at the subcellular level. Recent research has shown that in a number of diseases there are characteristic abnormalities in subcellular organelles and structures such as lysosomes, mitochondria, microtubules and membranes. Many of these discoveries have come through research in cellular biology, and molecular interpretations are now being applied. It is intended that the research center concept promote increased collaborative efforts among pathologists, biochemists, biophysicists, electron microscopists, etc., investigating related subcellular phenomena, and thus enhance understanding of the cellular and molecular basis of disease.

Grant support for such multidisciplinary research centered on molecular pathology will be administered by the Cellular and Molecular Basis of Disease Program of the Institute. Staff of this program welcomes communication from prospective applicants regarding further details and overall structure of a proposal toward meeting general requirements for this new program effort. Applications for consideration of possible funding during fiscal year 1974 should be submitted by March 1, 1974, to the Division of Research Grants, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland 20014. The subsequent deadline for receipt of applications is June 1, 1974.

Inquiries may be directed to Dr. Charles A. Miller, National Institute of General Medical Sciences, Bethesda, Maryland 20014, telephone 301, 496-7022.

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DECENTRALIZED PROCEDURE FOR ANNOUNCEMENT
OF CONTRACT PROPOSALS

ANNOUNCEMENT

The following procedures for the preparation and distribution of announcements in the supplemental issues of the *NIH GUIDE FOR GRANTS AND CONTRACTS* are in effect. Issuance of Sources Sought Synopses and announcements of the availability of Requests for Proposals will continue in the form of supplements to the *GUIDE*, under the *NIH GUIDE SUPPLEMENT* masthead. Overall program descriptions and general guidance on collaborative matters will continue to be included in the regular issues.

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1. PREPARATION

Announcements designed to invite sources to submit capability statements and experience resumes shall allow a minimum response time of 30 days after the *NIH GUIDE* release date (FPR 1-1.1003-7(b)(7)).

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All RFP's involving research suitable for competition among educational institutions shall allow a minimum response time of 45 days from date of issuance to give offerors adequate time to analyze the requirement and prepare meaningful, competitive proposals. Whenever possible, a longer period will be provided.

(Excerpt from Manual Issuance 6000-1 - Research Contract Operating Instructions Handbook, NIH Subpart 3-1.10, dated 11/29/73).

2. DISTRIBUTION

Specialized mailing keys have been developed by compiling over 10,000 responses to *NIH GUIDE* No. 7, Vol. 2, dated September 18, 1973. These mailing keys will be maintained by the Division of Research Grants and will be utilized for the distribution of the *GUIDE* and all supplemental issues.

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