

**RFA-RR-09-009**

**Recovery Act 2009 Limited Competition:  
Enabling National Networking of Scientists and Resource Discovery (U24)**

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**Q:** Can I or my institution participate in multiple applications for the same category, such as research networking (or resource discovery)?

**A:** No. Each institution (and thus individuals at that institution) can participate in only one application for each category. Each institution can participate in one application in each area. Additionally, each eligible institution may be the primary applicant on only one application.

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**Q:** Our consortium has a specific strategic goal of connecting scientists and resources in our consortium institutions and affiliates. Can we focus our application only on our consortium of institutions?

**A:** The mix of institutions in any consortium that applies to the RFA must meet the special requirements outlined in the RFA for inclusion of diverse institutions, such as those that vary in size, technologic sophistication, settings, such as rural, suburban, and urban, and racial and ethnic diversity.

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**Q:** May we include more than six (6) institutions in our application?

**A:** Yes. There is no limit on the number of institutions that can participate in an application; however, the funds available remain the same. At least six eligible institutions must participate in an application; any additional institutions need not meet the eligibility criteria of having a currently funded NCRR center or center-like program.

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**Q:** I am not at an eligible institution. Can I participate in an application?

**A:** Yes. Each application must include at least 6 eligible institutions; there are approximately 180 unique eligible institutions. However, an application can include additional partner institutions above the required six. These additional institutions need not meet the eligibility criteria of having a currently funded NCRR center or center-like program. Participation by other organizations, foundations, and companies above the six eligible institutions is also possible.

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**Q:** I am interested in setting up a cardiovascular disease expert network. I am interested in forming a resource directory of established biological field stations and their capabilities. Would such a research networking or resource discovery application be appropriate for this RFA?

**A:** This RFA is focused on national research networking of scientists and individuals with expertise in all areas with a focus of being inclusive and not restricted. Thus, an application with focus on a restricted community would not be responsive to this RFA. Additionally, this RFA is focused on resource discovery of the range and variety of resources of interest to the large heterogeneous mix of scientists and students interested in biomedical research. Thus, an

application that focused on discovery of resources in a specific scientific community would not be responsive to this RFA.

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**Q:** We are interested in serving as a repository for resources and data. Is this RFA appropriate to support development of a data or specimen repository?

**A:** This RFA is focused on providing a mechanism for scientists to find information about resources and individuals with expertise. It is not to support core resources or repositories but to allow individuals to discover that such core resources or repositories exist and point them to information about those resources.

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**Q:** I am interested in participating or leading an application but need to find individuals at eligible institutions with whom I could partner. How can I find partners or let others know I have specific skills to contribute to an application?

**A:** The NCRR has set up a website where you can post your contact information and information about what you have to offer as a partner and what you are looking for in a research partner. All information posted here is entirely voluntary and publicly viewable. All contact is made off line using the posted contact information. This site is only offered as a potential mechanism for finding partners; there is no requirement for any potential applicant to utilize this site. Please visit <http://www.ncrr.nih.gov/recovery/rfa-rr-09-009> to view post by others and to post your information.