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## **MWRC Advance to Funding Request for Applications**

**Supported by the Clinical and Translational Science Center  
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The University of New Mexico HSC CTSC and MWRC announce a program providing mentored, early career investigators (i.e. K awardees, COBRE- or INBRE-supported investigators) the opportunity to submit their R-series grant proposals for internal review by CTSC experts in clinical and translational research. The program is designed to provide insight into the grant review process and help applicants improve the science and format of their proposals prior to submission to the funding agency. The Advance to Funding program provides the following resources:

1. Expert pre-review of scientific method, formatting and grantsmanship for proposals submitted by mentored, early career investigators.
2. Ability to contact reviewers for further advice about proposal style, format, and substance.

### **Eligibility**

1. Participants must be US citizens or permanent residents with a faculty appointment at an institution in the Mountain West Research Consortium.
2. Participants must be COBRE- or INBRE-supported researchers.
3. Participants must develop an "R-type" application or equivalent for the June 2013 deadline. Acceptable grant types include: R01, R03, R15 or R21. The proposed research must be translational or clinical (including pre-clinical animal models, engineering, genomics, etc.).
4. Research candidates who are, or have been, a Principal Investigator on NIH research projects (R01), FIRST Awards (R29), sub-projects of program projects (P01), center grants (P50), or the equivalent are NOT eligible for this program.

### **How to Apply**

1. Selection for the program will be based on a letter of intent, a short summary of the project and the NIH biographical sketch. Applicants should provide the summary page of the PHS 398 form (including Relevance, Organizational Name, etc.) describing the research project.

Forms and instructions are available at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html>. These three documents should be submitted electronically as pdf documents to: Danelle Winship, [dwinship@salud.unm.edu](mailto:dwinship@salud.unm.edu), by March 15, 2013, for review of clinical or translational relevance and potential for NIH funding.

2. Successful applicants will be invited to submit their completed applications for review. The full application must be submitted electronically as a pdf document to: Danelle Winship, [dwinship@salud.unm.edu](mailto:dwinship@salud.unm.edu), no later than April 12, 2013.
3. An NIH-style critique of the application, and a narrative of suggestions for improvement will be provided to the participant by May 5<sup>th</sup> 2013.