

Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) to solicit applications for the Medical Education Partnership Initiative (MEPI) (R24)

The John E. Fogarty International Center (FIC) intends to issue a new Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) to solicit applications for the **Medical Education Partnership Initiative (MEPI) (R24)**.

This notice is being provided to allow potential applicants sufficient time to develop meaningful collaborations and responsive proposals. This FOA is expected to be published in early March 2010 with an anticipated receipt date of early May 2010. The FOA will utilize the NIH Resource-Related Research Project (R24) grant mechanism.

Details of the planned FOA are provided below.

Purpose:

Under this FOA, proposals will be requested from foreign Institutions in Sub-Saharan African countries which receive funds from the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and their partners to develop or expand and enhance models of medical education in Sub-Saharan Africa.

These models are intended to support PEPFAR's goal of increasing the number of new health care workers by 140 000, strengthen medical education systems in the countries in which they exist, and build clinical and research capacity in Africa as part of a retention strategy for faculty of medical schools and clinical professors.

These models will also contribute to the sustainability of the PEPFAR investments through the provision of excellence in clinical training and the capacity of medical students and faculty to participate in and carry out multidisciplinary locally driven research (e.g. implementation science and/or clinical, health services, and operations research) that responds to the health needs of their communities and country and improves health outcomes for men, women, and children. Linked awards that focus on diseases and priority health areas related to and beyond HIV/AIDS will also be available through the NIH Common Fund initiative.

Anticipated Number of Awards. Three award types will be made to facilitate the objectives of MEPI:

1. Awards focused on PEPFAR priority areas (Programmatic awards): 5–9 Awards to African institutions with project periods up to 5 years;
2. Linked programmatic awards that support non-communicable diseases and priority health areas related to and beyond HIV/AIDS (Linked awards): 6 Awards to African institutions with project periods up to 5 years and,
3. Coordinating Center: 1 Award to a U.S. institution with a project period of 5 years.

APPLICATIONS ARE NOT BEING SOLICITED AT THIS TIME.

See following link for more information: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-TW-10-291.html>

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