

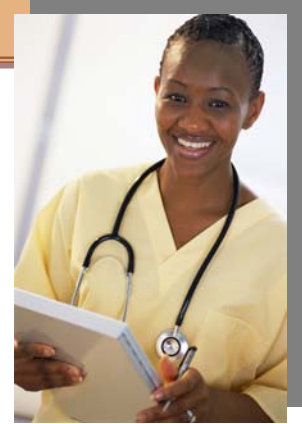
★ Internal Competition ★

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- **The purpose of this funding opportunity** is to establish **partnerships** between **community colleges** and **universities** to develop programs that prepare associate degree students with academic potential for admission and successful completion of undergraduate degree programs in **biomedical** and/or **behavioral science** related subjects. Students eligible to participate in this program are those from groups underrepresented in the biomedical science research arena of the nation (**underrepresented groups**) and/or populations disproportionately affected by health disparities (**health disparities populations**).

- **Support mechanism:** This Funding Opportunity Announcement will use the NIH Research Education (**R25**) grant mechanism. (For more information about the R25 grant mechanism, see <http://www.nigms.nih.gov/Research/Mechanisms/MBRSAwards.htm>.)

- **Awards will range up to \$200,000** per year for an award period of up to five years.

- **Limited submission:** NIH limits submissions for this program to one per applicant institution. Therefore, Southern Miss will stage an internal competition to select a concept to be developed into a full proposal and submitted to NIH.

- **To enter the internal competition, faculty** should submit a 1-3 page concept paper, including a summary budget, to sponsoredprograms@usm.edu by **5:00 pm Thursday, March 8, 2007**. The selection committee will try to notify applicants of its choice by close of business on March 30th.

- **Selected proposal due at NIH by May 18, 2007.**

For questions about the internal competition, contact SPA's Information Specialist at 601-266-4119 or by e-mail at syd.conner@usm.edu. Read NIH's **program guidelines** online at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-039.html>.