OVERVIEW
The Collaboration Initiative is designed to help University of Nebraska researchers become more competitive for extramural funding. It helps foster meaningful collaborations that leverage the full intellectual capacity of faculty across the campuses.

This year’s faculty-grant Request for Applications (RFA) will solicit proposals from multi-campus multidisciplinary teams that help position them to compete for extramural funding. Researchable topics will not be administratively predefined, but applications
must be designed to strengthen the team’s future funding proposal.

The University of Nebraska also will introduce a Big Ideas initiative jointly with the University of Nebraska Foundation. Faculty ideas will be solicited, via a proposal process, that build upon the University’s strengths to impact Nebraska and the world. Big Ideas will require an investment of more than $25 million and will be used by the University and Foundation to attract and inspire private giving in the years ahead.

INTERESTED IN FUNDING?
SAVE THE DATE
Principal investigators must attend the Collaboration Initiative Retreat to be eligible for funding from a Planning or Seed grant. Attendance is highly encouraged, but not required, for those wishing to submit a Big Ideas proposal. Registration opens September 24th; a formal RFA, including Big Ideas submission instructions, also will be available on the 24th. Proposals will be due on January 11, 2019.

RETREAT DATE:
Friday, November 9, 2018

LOCATION:
Nebraska Innovation Campus - Conference Center 2021 Transformation Drive, Lincoln, NE 68508

TIME:
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Light lunch provided

TOPICS
We encourage faculty to suggest broad, researchable themes (tracks) for the conference. Please click here to see the current list and to suggest others.
FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:
Planning and Proposal Generation Grants

- One-year grants, of up to $20,000 each, to build new collaborations across University of Nebraska campuses.

Formed/Forming Team Seed Grants

- Two-year grants, of up to $150,000 each, to enhance research collaborations among PIs that have had modest levels of previous collaboration.

Team Strengthening Seed Grants

- Two-year grants, of up to $300,000 each, to strengthen existing faculty research collaborations so that teams become more competitive for significant extramural research funding.

BIG IDEAS INITIATIVE

The “Big Ideas” initiative engages faculty to identify opportunities that, with additional funding, could help NU solidify its position as a great university.

Big Ideas are transformational ideas that build on the strengths of the University of Nebraska. This solicitation is inclusive—intended for all disciplines represented on NU campuses. All faculty are invited to submit ideas that are interdisciplinary, bold and require new levels of collaboration. A Big Idea would require at least $25 million in funding.

At this point in the process, multi-campus big ideas are of highest interest. These ideas should be future-
focused, forward-thinking and interdisciplinary–ideas that will positively impact the world and capture the imagination and commitment of donors.

In the Collaboration Initiative event kickoff, NU and Foundation leaders will present more information about the initiative and answer questions. Researchers also will have an opportunity to discuss potential Big Ideas with their colleagues. The submitted proposals will be some of the first that will be considered for private fundraising opportunities in the years ahead.

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