2012 NEGEA
Call for Collaborative Research Proposals

Purpose:
The Northeast Group on Educational Affairs (NEGEA) supports and encourages scholarship in medical education. To help its members participate in opportunities that provide educational scholarship, the NEGEA provides funding to initiate new Medical Education Scholarship, Research and Evaluation (MESRE – formerly RIME) proposals. The NEGEA will provide up to two research grants for two years. The grant award may total up to $3000 for submissions involving one NEGEA institution and $5000 for submissions involving the collaboration of 2 or more institutions. The NEGEA also seeks to promote collaborative projects across institutions, and sections (UGME, GME, CME, and MESRE), and seeks to stimulate the development of a community of educational scholars. The results of these projects will be public and presented at a NEGEA regional meeting.

Eligibility:
All those from affiliated NEGEA schools are eligible to submit a proposal. Each person may submit only one proposal per year and may not be an author on any other grants currently receiving NEGEA funding.

Application and Submission Process:
1. Applications must be submitted to the current NEGEA MESRE Representative, Eileen CichoskiKelly (Eileen.cichoskikelly@uvm.edu) in an electronic format.

2. Cover page must include:
   a. Name of applicant(s) and affiliated NEGEA medical school(s) and Section(s) project focuses on--undergraduate (UME), graduate (GME), and/or continuing (CME)-- medical education
   b. Project title
   c. Contact information for project leader (address, telephone, fax, e-mail)
   d. Institutional grant/development officer to whom payment will be made (name, title, address, phone, fax and e-mail)
Proposals should follow the following outline and be no longer than 5 double spaced pages (excluding the budget, budget justification and references) and must include:

1. Background- Statement of the problem (including appropriate references)
   - Significance of need
2. Goals and Objectives
3. Methods
   - Identify the target population: Please provide specific information on how many people will be impacted by this proposal.
   - Briefly describe the proposed activities and timeline.
4. Evaluation
   - Identify the outcomes measures and assessment strategies.
   - Describe how you will decide if this program/project is effective?
5. Potential Impact on Medical Education.
6. Plan for dissemination of Project Outcomes regionally and nationally. This should include a statement of your intent to present your work at the annual NEGEA regional meeting within 3 years of the award start date.
7. Project timeline (not to exceed 24 months).
8. Budget including itemized costs and justification.
9. Biographical sketches of PI and Co-PIs (no more than 2 pages/individual). Please include relevant skills and lists of durable educational materials/publications that demonstrate knowledge/skill in the area being proposed for study.
   *References and Biographical sketches are excluded from the 5 page limit.
10. Letters of support are required from any key participants or institutional support personnel, stating their commitment to the project. (Letters are not included in the 5-page proposal limit). Letters of support must be sent in electronic format.
11. If this is a research project involving human subjects, a letter of approval from the host Institutional Review Board stating that the project is approved or that approval was not necessary will be required prior to funding of an approved proposal.
Annual submission deadline (September 30, 2012) and review process:
1. Grants must be received by September 30th, 2012 to be considered for funding.
2. The Review Panel will consist of the Chair, Past-Chair, MESRE representative and one at-large member of the steering committee. Reviewers may not be authors of the proposals under consideration during the review cycle.
3. Funding decisions will be announced via email and at the regional NEGEA Educational Retreat Business meeting.
4. Two grant proposals will be awarded depending on the NEGEA budget and grant quality.

Evaluation Criteria: Applications will be reviewed on the basis of the following criteria:
1. The project is relevant to the mission of the NEGEA
2. Clear statement of the hypothesis, goals and objectives
3. Identified need
4. Methods are appropriate to address the goals and objectives
5. The outcomes are generalizable
6. The outcomes are measurable
7. The project is feasible given the budget and resources
8. The timeline is realistic
9. The budget is appropriate for the project
10. The project is sustainable after cessation of funding (if funds are used to support faculty/staff, include a statement on sustainability of these resources after funding ends).
11. The project is multi-institutional

Reports:
1. Project director will be required to submit a final report within 3 months of the end of the grant to the NEGEA MESRE Representative.

Questions:
All inquiries and communications should be address to the NEGEA MESRE Representative, Eileen CichoskiKelly (Eileen.CichoskiKelly@uvm.edu); Telephone: 802-656-6177

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