DATE: October 2017
TO: Academic Deans
FROM: Sponsored Project Administration
SUBJECT: Invitation to Nominate applicant for the Outstanding New Environmental Scientist (ONES) Award (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)

The Award: The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) is accepting applications for the Outstanding New Environmental Scientist Award. This competition is limited by individual Colleges/Schools (not by the Institution) and thus we are inviting each Dean to nominate an eligible candidate from your respective unit. Only one application per School or College within a University will be accepted. If an eligible candidate is identified, the proposal submission process remains the same, through the Sponsored Project Administration (SPA) office. Please send the name of the selected candidate to Hilda.Alajajian@uvm.edu

Eligibility: These R01 research grants are targeted for researchers who are defined by the NIH as Early Stage Investigators (see [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/new_investigators/index.htm](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/new_investigators/index.htm)) who are outstanding scientists at the formative stages of their career. Applications for the ONES program differ from standard R01 applications in that applicants must describe plans for the active participation of an external advisory committee to provide consultation and feedback, commitment by the institution to actively support the research program development of the Program Director/Principal Investigator (PD/PI), and a plan for career enhancement which will provide a strong foundation for future research endeavors.

Research Focus: Applications must have a research focus on exposure -health related responses from environmental agents within the mission interest of the NIEHS. The Strategic Plan emphasizes that environmental exposures within the primary mission interest of NIEHS may both manifest effects through direct toxicities and as an element in combined exposures in the totality of all types of human exposure experiences throughout the lifespan, the exposome. Environmental agents which are considered of primary interest for NIEHS include: industrial chemicals or manufacturing byproducts, metals, pesticides, herbicides, air pollutants and other inhaled toxicants, particulates or fibers, fungal, and bacterial or biologically derived toxins.

Deadline: February 27, 2018

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