

osteoarthritis or in systemic lupus erythematosus. A SCOR should foster a coordinated research effort that strongly emphasizes basic disciplines, but also involves significant interaction between basic research and clinical investigations in one of these two disease areas. A SCOR is envisioned as a national resource associated with one or more major medical complexes and dedicated to working with the NIAMS in furthering the research effort to translate basic research to clinical application.

Term/Amount: The direct costs requested cannot exceed \$750,000 each year (exclusive of facilities and administrative costs of subcontracts with collaborating organizations). The NIAMS intends to fund up to 3 new and/or competing continuation applications responding to this RFA in FY 2002 subject to the availability of resources and receipt of sufficiently meritorious applications. The estimated funds (total costs) available for the first year of support of these centers are \$3.4 million.

Contact: The letter of intent is to be sent to Dr. Julia B. Freeman Centers Program, EP National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Natcher Building, Room 5AS.19F - MSC 6500 Bethesda, MD 20892-6500 Bethesda, MD 20814 (for express/courier service) Telephone: (301) 594-5052 FAX: (301) 480-4543 Email: Julia_B_Freeman@nih.gov The research grant application form PHS 398 (rev. 4/98) is to be used in applying for these grants. Applications kits are available at most institutional offices of sponsored research and may be obtained from the Division of Extramural Outreach and Information Resources, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, MSC 7910, Bethesda, MD 20892-7910, telephone 301/435-0714, email: grantsinfo@nih.gov and on the internet at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms.htm> The RFA label available in the PHS 398 (rev. 4/98) application form must be affixed to the bottom of the face page of the application. The sample RFA label is available at: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/label-bk.pdf>. Type the RFA number on the label. Failure to use this label could result in delayed processing of the application such that it may not reach the review committee in time for review. In addition, the RFA title, 'Specialized Centers of Research' and number, 'AR-01-005' must be typed on line 2 of the face page of the application form and the YES box must be marked.

Deadline: Letter of Intent Receipt Date: September 7, 2001. Application Receipt Date: October 16, 2001.

ACUTE INFECTION AND EARLY DISEASE RESEARCH PROGRAM: AI-01-008

Purpose: The Division of AIDS (DAIDS), National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), solicits applications for the competitive continuation of a program to study the pathogenesis of acute/early HIV infection in adult humans, and to develop and evaluate the impact of therapeutic interventions at this early stage of

HIV disease. This program was initiated under PAR-96-060, Acute Infection and Early Disease Research Network. There are seven current cooperative agreement (U01) awardees; six clinical units and a coordinating center. The goal of this initiative is to maintain a program of five to seven HIV Acute Infection and Early Disease Research Units and one Statistical and Coordinating Center, through cooperative agreements (U01). Each awarded unit will perform innovative, integrated, investigator-initiated pathogenesis and clinical research on acute and early HIV infection and will place emphasis on performing collaborative multi-unit research projects as part of the Acute Infection and Early Disease Research Program (AIEDRP). The multi-unit structure is required in order to enroll sufficient numbers of these difficult-to-identify acutely HIV- infected subjects for study.

Term/Amount: The estimated total funds (direct and Facilities and Administrative (F&A) costs) available for the first year of support for all awards (competitive renewal and new) made under this RFA will be \$11.7 million. In Fiscal Year 2002, the NIAID plans to fund approximately 5-7 units and 1 Statistical and Coordinating Center. Although this program is provided for in the financial plans of the NIAID, awards pursuant to this RFA are contingent upon the availability of funds for this purpose and the receipt of a sufficient number of applications of high scientific merit. Funding beyond the first and subsequent years of the grant will be contingent upon satisfactory progress during the preceding years and availability of funds.

Contact: The letter of intent is to be sent to Dr. Hagit David at Division of Extramural Activities, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Room 2152, MSC-7616 6700-B Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892-7616 Telephone: (301) 402-4596 FAX: (301) 402-2638 E-Mail: havid@niaid.nih.gov Applications are to be submitted on the grant application form PHS 398 (rev. 4/98). These forms are available at most institutional offices of sponsored research and from the Division of Extramural Outreach and Information Resources, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, MSC 7910, Bethesda, MD 20892-7910, telephone 301/435-0714, email: GrantsInfo@nih.gov, as well as on the internet at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms.htm>.

Deadline: Letter of Intent Receipt Date: August 16, 2001. Application Receipt Date: October 10, 2001.

RESEARCH ON RESEARCH INTEGRITY: NS-02-005

Purpose: The Office of Research Integrity (ORI, DHHS), the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS, NIH) and the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR, NIH) invite applications to support research on research integrity. 'Integrity' in this context is understood as "adherence to rules, regulations, guidelines,