LIMITED SUBMISSION: National Institutes of Health – Research Evaluation and Commercialization Hub (REACH) Awards (U01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

****PLEASE NOTE: ONE (1) PROPOSAL FROM TUFTS MAY BE NOMINATED****

DEADLINES:
Tufts Internal Email of Intent Deadline: February 5, 2019 by noon
Sponsor Deadline: March 19, 2019

For those interested, please send an email of intent to the Limited Submissions Team at limitedsubmissions@tufts.edu informing us of an intention to apply. EOI’s received after the deadline will not be considered. The email of intent must include:

1. The name of the solicitation,
2. The name of the Principal Investigator, and any co-PI's,
3. A 2-3 sentence description of the proposed project.

Should the number of interested applicants exceed the number allowed by the funder, an internal selection process will be conducted by the Office of the Vice Provost for Research, and candidates will be notified to submit internal application materials. All candidates will be notified of results. NB: Successful applications must include official notification from the Limited Submissions Team in order to submit. For more information, please see http://viceprovost.tufts.edu/resources/funding/limited-submissions/

PROGRAM PURPOSE:
- To facilitate and accelerate the translation of academic biomedical discoveries into products that improve patient care and public health through the creation of academic entrepreneurship Hubs that will provide innovators with the initial investment and resources to support proof-of-concept work and mentorship in product development and commercialization.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:
- Funded Hubs are intended to work as a consortium to enable: (1) the infrastructure for identifying the most promising technologies, (2) funding for product definition studies (e.g. feasibility studies, prototype development, proof-of-concept studies) provided to individual researchers, (3) access to expertise in areas required for early stage technology development (including scientific, regulatory, reimbursement, business, legal, and project management), and (4) skills development and hands-on experience in entrepreneurship.
- Hubs should establish novel partnerships, strengthen existing alliances between private, non-profit and academic partnerships, provide entrepreneurial educational opportunities for diverse innovators, and create cultural and systemic changes to more rapidly move from breakthrough to products with health, economic, and societal impact

ELIGIBILITY: Leadership must possess the necessary operational, business, and scientific expertise with a documented track record of success in transitioning technologies from the discovery phase to products; teams should include access to expertise in business development, market research, IP protection, regulatory and reimbursement processes, project management, pre-clinical studies, and appropriate domain experts; please see link below for more details on expertise required and follow Tufts PI eligibility policies

AWARD INFORMATION: Up to 5 awards will be funded at $5 million annually for a period of four years; requires a minimum 1:1 cash match of direct costs of the award. In-kind contributions do not apply to the cash matching requirements


NOTE: Program announcement instructions supersede instructions delivered in this document.