

## REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTENT (LOI)

### *NIH Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health (BIRCWH) K12 Scholar Training Program*

The University of Colorado Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health (BIRCWH) program (K12 HD057022) is an internal K12 grant mechanism funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) that fosters mentored research career development of junior faculty (men and women) who wish to develop independent careers focused on **women's health** or **sex differences research**. Two years of support guaranteed, with a 3<sup>rd</sup> being negotiable.

#### Requirements:

- Must attend BIRCWH-related events including BIRCWH Conferences with local Scholars and annual BIRCWH meetings at the NIH.
- Up to \$100,000 salary exclusive of fringe (75% salary for MDs, 100% for PhDs)
- Departments/Divisions must commit to providing salary above the \$100,000 limit from BIRCWH if there is a salary gap.
- Departments/Divisions must also commit to providing \$10,000 for **project support** for the successful candidates for each year of funding awarded (independent of salary gap augmentation).
- Two BIRCWH positions will be awarded for this cycle.
- Must be Instructor or Assistant Professor (in rank  $\leq$  6 years).
- Must be a MD, PhD or DO and able to start BIRCWH funding on July 1
- Areas of focus for the BIRCWH include:
  - Pregnancy, Lactation and Developmental Programming of Health and Disease
  - Immunology/Precision Medicine/Rheumatology
  - Adult Health: Obesity, Menopause, Aging, Nutrition, Metabolism, Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease

#### IMPORTANT DATES

**Announcement Date:** January 6, 2020

**LOI Deadline:** February 3, 2020

**Application Deadline:** March 2, 2020  
(by invitation only)

**Award Notification:** March 30, 2020

#### Phase I – Request for Letters of Intent (LOI)

Letters of Intent for those interested in the BIRCWH grant are due on **February 3, 2020 by 5:00 pm Mountain Time**. Selected applicants will be invited by the BIRCWH Leadership to complete a full application.

#### LOI Submission Guidelines

The LOIs should be no more than two pages in length and include the following:

- ✓ Scholar name, Rank, Department/Division, School/College
- ✓ Potential primary mentor and mentoring team, including Rank, Department/Division, School/Dept. of each team member.
- ✓ Project title & BIRCWH priority area being addressed by this study.
- ✓ Draft aims and a draft of significance of research.
- ✓ Statement of commitment to women's health and/or sex differences research.
- ✓ Scholar's biosketch (not included in page maximum).
- ✓ List of publications (not included in page maximum).
- ✓ Arial or Times Roman font and no smaller than size 11 font.
- ✓ Submissions should be sent in a combined PDF file to [ashley.ertmer@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:ashley.ertmer@cuanschutz.edu) and [judy.regensteiner@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:judy.regensteiner@cuanschutz.edu) by 5:00 pm MT on February 3, 2020