**Sponsor:** National Institutes of Health (NIH)  
**Program:** Consortium for Food Allergy Research: Leadership Center (UM2)  
**Estimated Award Amount:** Not limited, but needs to reflect the actual needs of the proposed project; Project period: up to 7 years  
**JHU Nomination Limit:** 1  
**For more detailed information:** NIH CoFAR (UM2)

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to solicit applications for the Leadership Center for the NIAID Consortium for Food Allergy Research (CoFAR). The CoFAR Leadership Center (LC) will define the initial overall research strategy of the CoFAR including design and oversight of cutting-edge clinical trials and clinical studies to advance prevention and management strategies and to improve knowledge on the origins and the pathophysiology of IgE-mediated food allergy. To achieve its objectives, the CoFAR LC will work closely and collaborate with the CoFAR Clinical Research Units (CRUs), to select and implement all CoFAR clinical projects. The CoFAR CRUs will be responsible for execution of clinical trials and studies.

Clinical monitoring, data collection, data management, and statistical support for this effort will be provided by the NIAID-DAIT: Statistical and Clinical Coordinating Center. Standardized biomarker measurements across studies will be conducted by the CoFAR LC through a Central Biomarker Facility. In addition to the biomarker studies conducted by the Central Biomarker Facility, the CoFAR LC will select and support state-of-the-art mechanistic research linked to the CoFAR clinical trials and studies through an Opportunity Fund open to both CoFAR members and outside investigators. The CoFAR LC is expected to develop close interactions between basic scientists and clinical investigators to accelerate the translation of basic research advances into clinical applications. All research developed by the CoFAR LC will involve human subjects. The CoFAR LC will also be responsible for distributing protocol funds to the CoFAR CRUs to conduct CoFAR clinical trials and studies.

**Eligibility & Requirements:**

- Any individual(s) with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research as the Program Director(s)/Principal Investigator(s) (PD(s)/PI(s)) is invited to work with his/her organization to develop an application for support.
- The PD (s)/PI (s) of a CoFAR Leadership Center (RFA-AI-15-050) or the CoFAR Clinical Research Units (RFA-AI-15-051) may be the same individual(s).
- Applicants may submit to both the CoFAR Leadership Center and the CoFAR Clinical Research Units. However, an applicant must propose different clinical trials in each of the two applications.

**Internal Nomination Process:**

Interested applicants should send the following documents in sequence in one PDF to resapp@jhu.edu no later than 4 p.m. on May 2, 2016:

1. **JHU Limited Submission Cover Sheet**
2. Abstract (one page, double-spaced)
3. Proposal (maximum of four pages of text only, single spaced: 12-pt font and one-inch margins)  
   (Note: figures, tables, and other reference material should not be included as text)
4. Curriculum Vitae of investigator, including current external research support and publications
5. Budget (two pages maximum)
6. Letter of Recommendation from the Department Chair/Director: *Letters of Recommendation can be submitted separately to resapp@jhu.edu stating applicant’s name in the subject line*

Each applicant should expect to receive a confirmation of receipt of their materials. If an applicant does not receive an acknowledgement, or has any questions, please contact **Brittany McMahon via resapp@jhu.edu.**