The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to seek applications for the Eunice Kennedy Shriver Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research Centers (IDDRCs). This FOA invites applications for research center cooperative agreements designed to advance the diagnosis, prevention, treatment, and amelioration of intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). This FOA seeks applications from institutions that meet the qualifications for a multi-disciplinary program of IDD research that will include: 1) Cores that facilitate interdisciplinary and translational research in IDD, and support IDD-related projects funded by other sources; and 2) at least one specific research project related to one of five focus themes identified as an area of research need in IDD. Funds for the majority of research projects using these core facilities come from independent sources including Federal, State, and private organizations.

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 IDDRC Center Director(s) (PD(s)/PI(s)) should be a scientist or science administrator who can provide effective scientific and administrative leadership. The PD(s)/PI(s) of the IDDRC should be a recognized scientific leader(s) experienced in the field of IDD research and must be able to coordinate, integrate, and provide guidance in the establishment of research programs.
- The Director(s) will be responsible for the organization and operation of the IDDRC and for communication with the NICHD on scientific and operational matters. The Director(s) should be able to integrate and synthesize the proposed research, and, thereby, serve as an example to other investigators. The Center Director(s) should have a minimum total commitment of 2.4 person-months to the IDDRC. The Center Director(s) may also serve as PD(s)/PI(s) on the Research Project Component of the IDDRC. The Center Director(s) cannot serve as a Project PD/PI on another active IDDRC award.

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 January 12, 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 Charles Bartunek via resapp@jhu.edu.