**Sponsor:** National Institutes of Health (NIH)

**Program:** Initiative for Maximizing Student Development (IMSD) (R25)

**Estimated Award Amount:** The total amount to be awarded is approximately $5 million (total costs) per year; the size and duration of each award will vary.

**JHU Nomination Limit:** 1

**For more detailed information:** [NIH IMSD](#)

The goal of this National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) Initiative for Maximizing Student Development (IMSD) R25 program is to support educational activities that enhance the diversity of the biomedical, behavioral and clinical research workforce. To this end, this funding opportunity announcement encourages the development of creative academic developmental activities and research experiences at research intensive institutions to enhance the ability of students to complete the Ph.D. and engage in biomedical and behavioral research, especially members of groups underrepresented in the current workforce.

At the institutional level, the IMSD program should:

- Increase the pool of students from underrepresented backgrounds that complete a Ph.D. and continue biomedical research careers
- Contribute to ongoing student and faculty efforts to reduce the gap in the completion of Ph.D. degrees between underrepresented students and those from other backgrounds in participating departments
- Increase institutional involvement in outreach efforts toward underrepresented groups

**Eligibility & Requirements:**

- The PD/PI should be an established investigator in the scientific area in which the application is targeted and capable of providing both administrative and scientific leadership to the development and implementation of the proposed program.
- Program Faculty: Researchers from diverse backgrounds and women are encouraged to participate as preceptors/mentors. Mentors should have relevant research expertise and experience and must be committed to the total period of the mentee’s participation in this 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 December 21, 2015**:

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 (Note: Letters of Recommendation can be submitted separately to resapp@jhu.edu stating your 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 the limited submissions office at resapp@jhu.edu or by phone to 410-516-5917.