LIMITED FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

TO:          BUMC Faculty
FROM:        Andrew W. Taylor, PhD, Associate Dean of Research, BUSM
DATE:        Jan. 14, 2020

SUBJECT:     CDC- Prevention Epicenters Program: Protecting Patients from Infections, Antibiotic Resistance and Other Adverse Events

OBJECTIVES: The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Prevention Epicenters Program: Protecting Patients from Infections, Antibiotic Resistance and Other Adverse Events is to form a collaborative research infrastructure between experts in relevant fields of healthcare-associated infections (HAI) and antibiotic resistance (AR) to respond to research priorities to protect patients. This network will conduct research to support the translation of basic, epidemiologic and technologic discoveries into new strategies for preventing HAI, AR and other adverse events in all types of healthcare facilities in the United States.

Through this funding opportunity, awardees will be funded to perform "Core Projects" over a five (5)-year period. Core Projects are designed and implemented by individual awardees and should be performed entirely within their own institution and/or with other partners identified in their initial application. Applicants will describe a research plan for their Core Projects. Applicants will also describe how their site will contribute to the Collaborative Research Infrastructure of the Epicenters Program.

In addition to Core Projects, applicants have the option to submit up to three "Optional Collaborative Projects" (one Small, one Medium and one Large project), each of which will be for one (1) to four (4) years in duration. These Optional Collaborative Projects will build upon the collaborative infrastructure established as part of the Core Projects. Optional Collaborative Projects are multicenter studies that facilitate translation of early discoveries into prevention strategies. As part of the initial scientific merit review, Core Projects and Optional Collaborative Projects will be scored and ranked separately. An applicant must be awarded a Core Project in order to be eligible for Optional Collaborative Project funding.

FUNDING INFORMATION: Core Projects: $500,000 to $600,000 per year for 5 years. Optional Collaborative Project(s): $250,000 to $2,500,000 total.

INTERNAL SELECTION PROCESS: BU Medical Campus interested faculty should submit the following materials listed below via InfoReady Review by Friday, Jan 31. If you are a BMC investigator and wish to apply for this opportunity, please contact Jennifer Fleming, Director of Foundation Relations and Government Grants at jennifer.fleming@bmc.org.

- Questions outlined in InfoReady Review application
- A brief statement (up to 2 pages) by the candidate describing their scientific achievements and proposed project including:
  - Key project leadership/staff
  - A list of potential partner organizations
- A brief budget outline for the proposed research
• Up-to-date CV or NIH biosketch.

A faculty committee will review internal proposals and select nominees.

**DEADLINES:** Internal Deadline: Friday, Jan. 31  |  Sponsor Deadline: LOI: Monday, Feb. 3 |
Application: Tuesday, March 10

In requesting to be considered for this limited submission funding opportunity, you are making a commitment, if selected, to submit your proposal to the sponsor in a timely manner and to Sponsored Programs in accordance with the [Proposal Submission Policy](mailto:).