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NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ARTHRITIS, METABOLISM, AND DIGESTIVE DISEASES

The National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism, and Digestive Diseases wishes to amend its Diabetes Research and Training Center Announcement published in the NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts, Vol. 6, No. 9, April 26, 1977. Expanded guidelines for this Center program will be available by September 1, 1977. This revision will replace previous guideline and addendum publications. All applications submitted for this program should be prepared in accordance with the revised guidelines. Hence, the October 1, 1977, receipt date is cancelled. The next scheduled receipt date for applications is January 2, 1978. In order that Institute staff may be of maximum assistance, potential applicants should submit a letter of intent three months before making applications, i.e., October 1, 1977, for the January 2, 1978, review cycle.

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A letter of intent plus one copy should be sent to:

Associate Director for Extramural Program Activities
National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism, and Digestive Diseases
Room 657, Westwood Building
Bethesda, Maryland 20014

Completed grant applications, an original and six copies, should be mailed to the Division of Research Grants. Address labels are included in the form PHS 398 application kit.

Applications submitted by January 2, 1978, will compete for fiscal year 1978 funds while those received for the June 1, and October 1, 1978, review cycles will compete for fiscal year 1979 funds.

For further information and copies of the revised guidelines, please contact:

Diabetes Special Program Director
Extramural Programs
National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism, and Digestive Diseases
Room 622, Westwood Building
Bethesda, Maryland 20014

Telephone: (301) 496-7418
This announcement by the National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism, and Digestive Diseases supersedes the announced request for applications for Multipurpose Arthritis Centers published in the *NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts*, Vol. 6, No. 4, March 1, 1977. Revised guidelines to be followed to prepare an application for this Center program which is established under authority of Part D of Title IV of the Public Health Service Act as amended by the National Arthritis Act of 1974 (PL 93-640) (42 USC 289c-b), will be available by September 1, 1977.

A Multipurpose Arthritis Center is defined as a resource which consists of the facilities of a single institution or a consortium of cooperating institutions through which a group of formally cooperating health personnel can be brought together to demonstrate and foster the prompt and effective application of available knowledge and the development of urgently needed new knowledge. Each application must include activities in three major fields: education, research, and community-related activities.

Each Center, in accord with the National Arthritis Act of 1974, shall conduct:

A. Basic and clinical research into the causes, diagnosis, early detection, prevention, control, and treatment of arthritis and complications resulting from arthritis;

B. Training programs for physicians and other health and allied professionals in current methods of diagnosis, screening and early detection, prevention, control, and treatment of arthritis;

C. Information and continuing education programs for physicians and other allied health professionals who provide care for patients with arthritis; and

D. Programs for the dissemination of information to the general public.

All applications should be prepared in accordance with the revised guidelines. Hence the October 1, 1977, application receipt date is cancelled. The scheduled receipt date for applications is now January 2, 1978. In order that Institute staff may be of maximum assistance, potential applicants are requested to submit a letter of intent at least three months before making application, i.e., by October 1, 1977.

The National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism, and Digestive Diseases plans to make new awards for the Centers program during fiscal year 1978, contingent upon the appropriation and apportionment of funds and in
accordance with an appropriate peer review. Applications received for the January 2, 1978, review cycle will compete for fiscal year 1978 funds.

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Applications received for these review cycles will compete for fiscal year 1979 funds. The letter of intent plus one copy should be sent to:

Associate Director for Extramural Program Activities  
National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism, and Digestive Diseases  
Room 657, Westwood Building  
Bethesda, Maryland 20014

Copies of the revised guidelines and further information about the program are available from:

Arthritis Program Director  
Extramural Programs  
National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism, and Digestive Diseases  
Room 605, Westwood Building  
Bethesda, Maryland 20014

Telephone: (301) 496-7241
The Diabetes Program of the National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism, and Digestive Diseases plans to make awards of Core Center grants based upon anticipated appropriation and funding for fiscal year 1978. These awards provide a mechanism for integrating, coordinating, and fostering the interdisciplinary cooperation of a group of established investigators conducting programs of active, high quality research which relate to a common theme. This granting mechanism is to build upon the existing talents and resources of those established, reviewed, and supported investigators who have agreed to integrate and coordinate their efforts. The Core Center program is intended to provide the means, capabilities, and direction for a program whose net accomplishments will be greater than the productivity of the individual projects alone.

The Core Center grant provides support for core resources and facilities to be utilized by the individually-supported project grantees. Personnel, equipment, supplies, services, and facilities may be supported for integration of an institute's program activities with other centers and for program enrichment, feasibility and pilot studies. This grant does not provide direct funding for ongoing research projects; these are funded through other sources and support mechanisms (e.g., individual research grants). At least the majority of the support for the ongoing research projects should be from the National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism, and Digestive Diseases and the remainder should be highly relevant to the overall goal of the Core Center grant.

Specific guidelines (revised May 1977) for preparation of applications are available and should be consulted prior to extensive consideration of seeking support. These should be reviewed carefully for applicability of the Core Center concept to the institutional and project relationships currently in existence. The next submission date for Core Center grant applications is November 1, 1977. Potential applicants should submit a letter of intent on or before September 30, 1977.

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Applications submitted for the November 1, 1977, and February 1, 1978, review cycles will compete for fiscal year 1978 funds. Applications received for the latter two dates will be peer reviewed in accordance with the program needs and available fiscal year 1979 funds.