2010 UN Foundation Grant Program

Once again the University of Nebraska Foundation will make funds available to support UNMC research programs. As in past years, the UNMC Office of Research has elected to direct these funds toward the purchase of equipment. In addition, this year, requests for proposals will be targeted to Core Facilities and Principal Investigators of large grant programs, since requests are required to tie into campus goals and support strategic priorities.

Funds available to UNMC total $250,000 which makes possible the acquisition of substantial pieces of equipment, especially if matching internal funds are identified. Proposals will be selected and ranked internally on the basis of:

• potential to advance 21st-century biomedical research;
• number of researchers with NIH or equivalent funding who stand to benefit from the proposal;
• productivity of those researchers based upon their current total extramural research support; and
• ability of the applicants to demonstrate that the technology either is not present on campus or that the equipment currently on site is no longer useful.

Proposals will be due to Paula Turpen by March 9.

Proposals must include:

• Scientific description (one page)
• Benefit to ongoing research program(s) (one page)
• Lay summary for those without scientific training, that describes equipment function / purpose and benefit to ongoing research programs (one page)
• Project director, technical expertise available and financial plan to support the equipment (one page)
• Prospective users and their department affiliation (one page)
• Planned location of equipment (building, room number)
• Required renovations and cost estimate if applicable
• Equipment description (sales brochure) with price quote