

Sponsor/Title: National Institutes of Health (NIH) - Coccidioidomycosis Collaborative Research Centers (P01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

External Link: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/360878>

Funding Opportunity Number: RFA-AI-27-012

Submission Limitation per Institution: One (1)

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Internal Expression of Interest Deadline: 2026-05-19

Sponsor Application Deadline: 2026-07-09

Purpose: The purpose of the notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) is to solicit applications for a Coccidioidomycosis Collaborative Research Centers (CCRC) program. This new initiative will establish highly collaborative, multi-disciplinary, research teams to conduct translational and clinical research to support the development of a Valley fever vaccine as outlined in NIAID's Strategic Plan for Research to Develop a Valley fever Vaccine

(<https://www.niaid.nih.gov/sites/default/files/niaid-strategic-plan-for-research-to-develop-a-valley-fever-vaccine9.9.22.pdf>).

Goals: To assist public and private nonprofit institutions and individuals to establish, expand and improve biomedical research and research training in infectious diseases and related areas; to conduct developmental research, to produce and test research materials. To assist public, private and commercial institutions to conduct developmental research, to produce and test research materials, to provide research services as required by the agency for programs in infectious diseases, and controlling disease caused by infectious or parasitic agents, allergic and immunologic diseases and related areas. Projects range from studies of microbial physiology and antigenic structure to collaborative trials of experimental drugs and vaccines, mechanisms of resistance to antibiotics as well as research dealing with epidemiological observations in hospitalized patients or community populations and progress in allergic and immunologic diseases. Because of this dual focus, the program encompasses both basic research and clinical research.

Research Objectives and Scope: This initiative will establish Coccidioidomycosis Collaborative Research Centers (CCRCs) to conduct multi-disciplinary research aligned with the priorities outlined in NIAID's Strategic Plan for Research to Develop a Valley fever Vaccine. (<https://www.niaid.nih.gov/sites/default/files/niaid-strategic-plan-for-research-to-develop-a-valley-fever-vaccine9.9.22.pdf>) It is expected that the CCRCs will leverage unique research resources and patient populations from endemic regions to advance the field.

It is envisioned that overarching themes could include, but are not limited to:

- Discovery and validation of novel vaccine and/or immunomodulatory targets and pathways
- Identification and validation of correlates of immune protection
- Diagnostic development to support vaccine testing

Internal Application Requirements: Upload the following information to the Google Form at <https://forms.gle/J6a9i3L1gArbYh3F6> by the internal deadline:

- Name of the Principal Investigator (PI)
- Project Title
- All ND Collaborators:
 - For each ND Collaborator listed, include name, department or unit, and specific role for this project in three sentences (maximum).
- Project Summary: Three (3) pages (maximum) addressing the following Scored Review Criteria as outlined on page 11 in the NOFO.
 - Significance
 - Innovation
 - Approach
 - Environment

Questions: Contact Notre Dame Research Limited Submissions at limited@nd.edu.

Unless otherwise noted, all internal applications are due by 11:59 PM Eastern Daylight Time on the internal expression of interest deadline.

Internal applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.