For the purpose of informing interested faculty, please be aware of the following opportunity:

**RFA-AG-10-006: Effects of Gene-Social Environment Interplay on Health and Behavior in Later Life (R01)**

The National Institute on Aging (NIA), National Institutes of Health is soliciting proposals for the development of multidisciplinary collaborations among existing longitudinal twin and family studies, with a focus on social and behavioral factors associated with aging outcomes. This opportunity is intended to lay the foundation for future studies of the role of gene-environment interplay in accounting for links between social experiences and physical health, functionality, and psychological well-being in midlife and older age. Of particular interest are applications that can embed this foundation within a lifespan perspective. Applicants are encouraged to use this opportunity as a starting point for (1) developing collaborations among existing data sets, (2) harmonizing social phenotypes across a number of twin and family studies, (3) conducting analyses aimed at further refining social phenotypes for genetic analysis, (4) using animal models of gene-social environment interplay to inform work using twin studies and/or (5) establishing preliminary data on the feasibility of genetic/genomic approaches that could be applied to questions of how social experiences are biologically embedded and influence middle and later life outcomes. Use of existing data is strongly encouraged; funds from this award are not intended for new data collection, but a small percentage of funds may be used for adding modules to ongoing data collection efforts to augment phenotypic or genetic data.

For more information about this opportunity please see the full solicitation (RFA-AG-10-006).

It is anticipated that $750K will be available in the first year to support 1-2 awards. Cost sharing is not required. Complete award information is found in the full solicitation.

**Deadline for Proposal to OR-Sponsored Programs: 11/2/2009**
(Please see the solicitation for complete application & submission information.)
Please contact Sponsored Programs (4-2402) with questions regarding proposal submission requirements.

**Deadline for Proposal Submission to Agency:** 11/9/2009

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