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

**RFA-MH-10-040: Biosignature Discovery for Personalized Treatment in Depression (U01)**

The National Institute of Mental Health, National Institutes of Health, is soliciting proposals to support exploratory research to discover panels of promising potential biomarkers (i.e., biosignatures) that are predictive of treatment outcomes in major depressive disorder (MDD) and to establish a data resource for the genetic study of MDD. This initiative will support the systematic collection, storage, and/or analysis of biomaterials and biological, behavioral, and clinical data as promising biomarkers of treatment outcomes. Treatment outcomes of interest include both treatment-induced benefits and adverse effects. There is a particular interest in identifying biomarkers that add predictive value beyond traditional clinical characteristics.

**NIMH will hold a pre-application teleconference on Monday, September 28th from 10:30 am-12:30 pm (ET) to which all prospective applicants are invited.** This is a technical assistance teleconference conducted by NIMH staff involved in managing this program to explain the goals and objectives of this initiative and answer questions from the attendees. Participating in the teleconference is neither required nor necessary for a successful application. It is intended to be an opportunity to clarify the objectives of the initiative. Potential applicants are encouraged to submit their questions or comments to biosignatures@mail.nih.gov in advance of the call. Applicants interested in participating in the technical assistance call should send a message to the mailbox above to obtain a dial in number.

For more information about this opportunity please see the full solicitation ([RFA-MH-10-040](#)).

It is anticipated that $6M will be available in FY 2010 to support up one or more awards. Cost sharing is not required. Complete award information is found in the full solicitation.
Deadline for Proposal to OR-Sponsored Programs: 1/6/2010
(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: 1/13/2010

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