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

**RFA-RM-09-010: 2010 NIH Director’s Pioneer Award Program (DP1)**

The National Institutes of Health is soliciting applications for the 2010 NIH Director’s Pioneer Award. The NIH Director’s Pioneer Award Program is a High-Risk Research initiative of Research Teams of the Future. Pioneer Awards are designed to support individual scientists of exceptional creativity who propose pioneering – and possibly transforming – approaches to major challenges in biomedical and behavioral research. The term “pioneering” is used to describe highly innovative approaches that have the potential to produce an unusually high impact on a broad area of biomedical or behavioral research, and the term “award” is used to mean a grant for conducting research, rather than a reward for past achievements. To be considered pioneering, the proposed research must reflect ideas substantially different from those already being pursued in the investigator’s laboratory or elsewhere. The program is not intended to expand the funding of persons already well supported for the proposed project. Biomedical and behavioral research is defined broadly in this announcement as encompassing scientific investigations in the biological, behavioral, clinical, social, physical, chemical, computational, engineering, and mathematical sciences that have the potential to improve the public health. Awardees must commit the major portion (at least 51%) of their research effort to activities supported by the Pioneer Award.

For more information about this opportunity please see the full solicitation ([RFA-RM-09-010](#)).

It is anticipated that $6M will be available to support at least 7 awards. Cost sharing is not required. Complete award information is found in the full solicitation.

**Deadline for Proposal to OR-Sponsored Programs: 10/13/2009**  
(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: **10/20/2009**

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