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TO: Presidents, Deans at UT Health Components
Presidents and Provosts of UT Academic Institutions
UT Academy Members
RFP Steering Committee

From: John D. Stobo, M.D., Executive Director, Academic Medicine, UT
Office of Health Affairs

Re: Letter of Intent for Proposals for Innovations in Health Professions
Education

This is a call for letters of intent (LOI) to submit proposals for grants to develop innovative approaches in the education of health professionals. Based on a peer review of the LOI's, individuals will be invited to submit a full proposal for the development of an innovative program in medical education. Such a program **MUST** have the following characteristics:

- Be an innovative and transformative new program, not simply a continuation of an existing program
- Not duplicative of programs existing at the applicant campus or other UT campuses
- Have the potential for wide adaptability throughout the UT System
- Be based on sound educational principles and evaluation
- The principal investigator should be a full time or part time faculty member paid for by a UT Health component. Exceptions could be made with appropriate explanation in selected cases.

In addition the following will be desirable:

- Inter-campus and intra campus collaboration, including other UT academic components
- Interdisciplinary training of health professionals

The grant could include undergraduate, graduate (residents, fellows, and post doctoral) students, or faculty development programs that will have a direct impact on student learning and be for the duration of three years. It is anticipated that 4-6 grants in the range of \$100,000 to \$250,000 per year will be awarded.

The letter of intent should be no longer than five pages (font of no less than size 12) and include:

- Background including need and significance
- Project description
- Methodology and objectives
- Outcome measures/deliverables
- Estimated total budget

A short (2 page) bio-sketch for the principal investigator and list of potential, essential collaborations should be appended.

Submissions of the LOI are due no later than May 1, 2008. Invitations for full proposals will be made by June 1 with full proposals due by September 1. Awards will be made early in October 2008.

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 Executive Director for Academic Programs, UT Office of Health
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Sincerely,



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