Developmental Research Project Pre-Application Materials
Frequently Asked Questions

Can a Research Associate Professor apply for a DRP?
The FOA states that applicants must have a full-time appointment at a NV INBRE Partner Institution at the Assistant Professor level or higher. Applicants who meet the NIH’s definition of Early Stage Investigator will be given funding preference through the scoring process applied in the review of the full proposals.

What are the dates for the Pre-Proposal Workshops?
All DRP applicants are required to participate in a Pre-Proposal Workshop that will cover the specific information needed to complete the full application. Pre-Proposal Workshops will be held at UNLV on October 25, 2017 and at UNR on October 26, 2017. Times and location are TBD at the moment, but you should save this date on your calendar. Failure to attend a Pre-Proposal Workshop or make alternate arrangements will result in the disqualification of the applicant to be invited to submit a full application.

What if I can’t attend one of the workshops?
Once the times/locations of the Pre-Proposal Workshops are announced, if you cannot attend, please contact Jessica Garfield to make alternate arrangements. We are looking into the possibility of a webinar version of the presentation, and/or one-on-one consultations to meet this requirement.

Does the mentor need to be from my institution? From a NV INBRE institution? 
The mentor can be from anywhere, not just Nevada institutions.

What qualifications does my mentor need to have?
The mentor must be an established scientist with research interests and expertise related to your proposed project who has a history of independent NIH (or other similar) grant funding.

How do I accomplish the required 50%/6 person months effort on a 9 month contract?
The effort on a 9 month contract is accomplished through a combination of academic and summer month effort commitment:

- 4.5 Academic Months (.5 x 9 months) + 1.5 Summer Months (.5 x 3 months)= 6 person months
- 3 Summer Months + 3 Academic Months = 6 person months

If your contract includes protected research time, you can “apply” that research time toward the effort requirements without requesting salary support in your budget. The maximum amount of salary that can be requested for the applicant is 6 months effort.

What if I have other NIH/IDeA funding that will end after April 1, 2018?
The review committee could choose to make an exception to the prohibition of NIH/IDeA funding (COBRE, CTR-IN) overlap if some or all of the following criteria are met:

- The DRP research project must have different specific aims than the current NIH/IDeA project
- The NIH/IDeA funding is completely spent out before the start of the INBRE funding on April 1, 2018.
- If you were awarded a DRP, the funding could be potentially either prorated and/or delayed until a slightly later date when the NIH/IDeA funding is over.
If you are serious about the DRP grant, please move forward with the submission of the pre-proposal application/materials due October 13. In those materials, you will need to outline exactly how you will NOT overlap the funds. The review committee will then determine from the pre-proposal materials (from all applicants) who will be invited to apply for the full grant.

**What are the page limits for the specific aims page?**
2 pages for the specific aims, and 1 page for the letter of support from your supervisor. All pages should be combined in a single PDF for upload.

**What is the difference between the summary and the specific aims page?**
The summary will be entered into a text field on the online submission form and should provide a succinct summary of the project and its relevance to the programmatic theme.

The specific aims submission will be no more than 2 pages of text outlining the specific objectives of the research proposed (e.g. to test a stated hypothesis, create a novel design, etc.)

**Are there formatting requirements?**
The INBRE submissions should mirror NIH formatting requirements:

- **Font size:** Must be 11 points or larger. Smaller text in figures, graphs, diagrams and charts is acceptable, as long as it is legible when the page is viewed at 100%. We recommended the following fonts, although other fonts (both serif and non-serif) are acceptable if they meet the above requirements: Arial, Georgia, Helvetica, Palatino Linotype.
- **Type density:** Must be no more than 15 characters per linear inch (including characters and spaces).
- **Line spacing:** Must be no more than six lines per vertical inch.
- **Text color:** No restriction. Though not required, black or other high-contrast text colors are recommended since they print well and are legible to the largest audience.

- **Paper Size:** Use no larger than standard letter paper size (8 ½” x 11”).
- **Margins:** Provide at least one-half inch margins (top, bottom, left, and right) for all pages. No applicant-supplied information can appear in the margins.