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**TO:** CVM and COE Faculty

**FROM:** Buddy Moore *Robert W Moore*

**SUBJECT:** Center of Excellence Research Proposals/**April 13 submission deadline**

**DATE:** February 27, 2009

I am soliciting proposals for support from the Center of Excellence in Livestock Diseases and Human Health (COE). The Center promotes human health through the study of livestock diseases and animal/laboratory models of human diseases. Criteria for funding are applicability to Center objectives, scientific merit, and likelihood to lead to sustainable funding from extramural sources. To be funded, projects must meet all three of these criteria. Grants are for one year, and continuing support requested for previously funded proposals must be accompanied by documentation of accomplishments, including progress toward obtaining external funding. Faculty submitting proposals must have a research assignment adequate to support the proposed research. It is unlikely that an award will be made to anyone who has received Center support for three or more years without such funding leading to significant external grant or contract funding.

This call includes proposals for support for research, support for invited-speaker graduate courses, and support for research equipment purchases. Proposals to directly support research will be considered in two major categories: single-investigator awards and multi-investigator collaborations. Single investigator awards will be considered for up to \$15,000, and collaborative proposals will be considered for up to \$30,000. These requests may include partial funding of graduate student stipends and post-doctoral and technical salaries and must include appropriate tuition and benefit amounts. Equipment requests will require a 1:1 match for Center funds.

The CVM Executive Committee has approved an initiative of up to \$30,000 to support innovative translational research, such as stem cell research, that combines basic biomedical and clinical investigation. The proposal mechanism is the same as the standard COE proposal. Please contact me for additional information.

The format for the proposal is attached. Please follow the directions carefully. On the budget page, matching funds from unrestricted (E) accounts should be listed in the second column while matching funds from restricted (R) accounts should be listed in the third column. Please be sure to identify these matching accounts. R account matches may be used only if the Center proposal is compatible with the externally funded grant or contract. **Please submit all proposals via e-mail to [kimruth1@utk.edu](mailto:kimruth1@utk.edu). The April 13 deadline for submissions is firm.**