Grant Title: NIDCD TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH GRANTS (R21)

PA Number: PAR-06-095

Area of Research: Transitional research in the areas of hearing, balance, smell, taste, voice, speech, and/or language.

Release Date and expiration: March 2, 2006 release; February 23, 2007 expiration

Letters of Intent Deadlines: June 22, 2006; January 22, 2007

Application Deadlines: July 22, 2006; February 22, 2007

Amount: Follows the R21 funding mechanism: Direct costs are limited to $275,000 over an R21 two-year period, with no more than $200,000 in direct costs allowed in any single year.

Length of Support: Up to 2 years

Eligible applicants: For-profit organizations; non-profit organizations; public or private institutions, such as universities, colleges, hospitals, and laboratories; units of State government; units of local government; eligible institutions of the Federal government; domestic institutions; foreign institutions; faith-based or community-based organizations; Units of State Tribal government; and Units of Local Tribal government.

Agency/Department: NIH; NIDCD

Summary: This funding opportunity supports exploratory/developmental pilot studies for translational research. The research must be focused on one or more of the scientific mission areas of the NIDCD: hearing, balance, smell, taste, voice, speech, or language. The intent is to encourage the development of collaborative partnerships between scientists who study basic biological and behavioral processes and those who study the etiology, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of deafness and other communication disorders and the delivery of those services to those with these disorders. Applications are expected to have both basic scientists and clinicians or clinician scientists included as key personnel for joint exploration, initiation, and conduct of translational research projects. The scope includes a range of activities to encourage the translation of basic research findings to practical impact on the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of deafness and other communication disorders. Multi-institutional, multi-disciplinary, and academic-industrial collaborations studies are encouraged. Research conducted may include laboratory studies with human subjects as well as preclinical studies in animal models. Activities may include, in addition to the requisite research studies, networking activities designed to initiate and explore potential research collaborations between basic and clinical scientists, such as cross-site visits and workshops.