We are pleased to announce the first Nebraska Biobank RFA.

Background: The Nebraska Biobank is a new University of Nebraska resource funded, in part, by the Nebraska Research Initiative and developed by University of Nebraska Medical Center with The Nebraska Medical Center. The biobank samples are de-identified (and thus IRB approval is not required for their use) but linked to data abstracted to health data including age, sex, race/ethnicity, smoking status, estimated geographic location, medications, diagnoses, and laboratory data. DNA and serum is available from samples that were kept at 4°C for 48 hours prior to storage at -80°C.

Eligibility: All University of Nebraska faculty.

Submission requirement: Nebraska Biobank Application (attached)

Submission receipt date: From now until 12/31/13.

Submission process: Email to Tara Stafford below. She will send an email confirming receipt to the individual submitting the proposal.
    Submit Applications to: Tara Stafford
tstafford@unmc.edu
402-559-6803

Note: Sample acquisition and DNA extraction fees are waived for all approved proposals for this RFA. DNA samples will not be given to the investigator but delivered to the UNMC Genomics Core for analysis, or another facility if specially approved. Standard fees for requested genomic services will be applied. A data use agreement will be required when the final DNA data set is provided. Serum samples can be picked up by the investigator or mailed but the cost of mailing or dry ice for transport is the responsibility of the investigator.

Scientific Review. All proposals will undergo peer review. Some requests may not be fulfilled at this time because of inadequate number of samples. The request can be held until the time that samples are available. Criteria to be used in review of the proposals:
- Availability of samples requested
- Scientific merit including likelihood of data supporting or leading to extramural grant application and funding

Notice of Award: Rolling review to begin after December 1.

Post-award Requirements: For all approved projects, investigators must acknowledge use of the Nebraska Biobank in all manuscripts and provide a progress report of outcome of studies at 12 months including all manuscripts or grants. Description of Nebraska Biobank and standard sample fees for grant applications are available by request.

Questions: Direct to Deb Meyer, RN (dmeyerk@unmc.edu)