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Q. I've got a team together and am ready to apply for funding, do I really need to attend the retreat?

A. Yes, PIs are required to attend in order to be considered funding eligible. Potential team members are strongly encouraged to attend. The retreat is designed to facilitate awareness of the broad spectrum of research expertise available at University of Nebraska campuses as well as other Universities and research organizations across Nebraska. Existing collaborators/teams may identify others that could increase the competitiveness of their grant application.

Q. This effort seems strongly geared to life-science research. What about the social sciences?

A. All potential "Food for Health" topic areas / societal problems that can be addressed by basic, applied/translational, engineering, and/or social science research are eligible for funding. Social science and/or policy researchers are encouraged to consider planning or seed grants that address critical knowledge gaps. In addition, many grant-types specifically require a highly integrated societal benefit component ideally suited to translational efforts. Social science and policy researchers can play a fully integrated role in such efforts, and life-science researchers have an opportunity to enrich social science and policy research teams.

Q. Our team might not need the full amount of the planning or seed grant award limits, will we be disadvantaged by asking for less support?

A. No. In fact, proposals for amounts less than the funding limits will likely be at an advantage as the fund/don't fund line is approached. Researchers need to fully justify all proposed expenditures and such expenditures must be designed to specifically meet the needs of the proposed work. In addition, requests must be somewhat in-line with the potential return on investment, as this program is designed to facilitate the development of competitive extramural research proposals. Federal agencies and other extramural funding sources typically offer less support per proposal to research disciplines that require fewer resources to accomplish their work. Our grant program will reflect the same philosophy.