

## NRI Collaboration Initiative: 2024-2025 Award Recipients

July 1, 2025



| Proposal Title   | Researchers                     |       | Campus      |
|--|---------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| Activating mitochondrial cytochrome oxidase to prevent lipotoxicity and metabolic dysfunction in fatty liver               | Jaekwon Lee                     | PI    | UNL         |
| disease  | Edward Harris                   |       | UNL         |
|  | Kusum Kharbanda                 |       | UNMC        |
| Advancing miRNA Biosensing Technologies for Improved Cardiac Health Monitoring and Heart Disease Diagnosis                 | Alexey Krasnoslobodtsev         | PI    | UNO         |
|  | Kajari Dhar                     |       | UNMC        |
|  | Brian Lowes                     |       | UNMC        |
| Aquatic Gait Training: Exploring Body Weight Support and Cardiovascular Responses for Cerebral Palsy                       | David Kingston                  | PI    | UNO         |
| Rehabilitation   | Vivek Dutt                      |       | UNMC        |
|  | Brian Knarr                     |       | UNO         |
| Artificial Intelligence (AI)-Driven Predictions of Acute Graft-Versus-Host Disease Outcomes: Combining                     | Erin Barrett                    | PI    | UNMC        |
| Histologic, Serologic, and Clinical Data   | Xiaoyue Zoe Cheng               |       | UNO         |
|  | Corey Georgesen                 |       | UNMC        |
|  | Michael Haddadin                |       | UNMC        |
|  | Jesse Hirner                    |       | UNMC        |
|  | Scott Lauer                     |       | UNMC        |
|  | Xin Xing                        |       | UNO         |
| Assessing the Effects of Complete Thoracic Aorta Restoration on Left Ventricle and Aorta                                   | Anastasia Desyatova             | PI    | UNO         |
| ASSESSING THE EFFECTS OF COMPLETE MOTALIC AOFTA RESTORATION ON LERT VEHILICLE AND AOFTA                                    | Jason MacTaggart                | • • • | UNMC        |
|  | Michael Moulton                 |       | UNMC        |
| CLPP Inhibitors for Treatment of Cancer  | Paul Trippier                   | PI    | UNMC        |
| OLI 1 IIIIIIDILOIS IOI TIEAUTIETIL OI GATICET  | Oleh Khalimonchuk               |       | UNL         |
| Controller Development to Enable Individualized Assistance in Robotic Ankle Exoskeletons                                   | Farahnaz Fallah Tafti           | PI    | UNO         |
| Controller Development to Enable individualized Assistance in Nobolic Annie Exosketetoris                                  | Sara Myers                      |       | UNO         |
|  | Iraklis Pipinos                 |       | UNMC        |
| Delivery of surgical care by drone for NATO field exercise   | Shane Farritor                  | PI    | UNL         |
| Delivery of Surgical care by drolle for INATO field exercise   | Nathan Bills                    | FI    | UNMC        |
|  | Mark Carlson                    |       | UNMC        |
|  | Rachael Wagner                  |       | UNL         |
| Douglassmant of a Cuina Madel of Abdemiral Acutic Angurusas and Investigation of Endougeautlay Angurusas Danai             | -                               | DI    | UNMC        |
| Development of a Swine Model of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm and Investigation of Endovascular Aneurysm Repai                 |                                 | PI    |             |
| (EVAR) Complications   | Majid Jadidi                    | PI    | UNO         |
| Engineering CCL2-linked Extracellular Vesicles for Targeted Delivery of S100A9 Inhibitor in Acute Lung Injury<br>Treatment | Bo Liu<br>Fanben Meng           | PI    | UNMC<br>UNL |
|  | Hanjun Wang                     |       | UNMC        |
| Friday - Dood Dooise of Webble Doods to Fabruary Doctored Language Defense in Fall Doors Older Adults                      |                                 | PI    | UNO         |
| Evidence-Based Design of Wobble Boards to Enhance Postural Long-Latency Reflexes in Fall-Prone Older Adults                | Madhur Mangalam<br>Joseph Siu   | PI    | UNMC        |
|  | <u> </u>                        | PI    | UNO         |
| Exploring the Uses of AI to Improve Intelligence Gathering for Nuclear Deterrence  | Deanna House                    | PI    | UNO         |
| Gait retraining in stroke using exosuits with individualized progression algorithms  | Michelle Black                  | PI    | _           |
|  | Philippe Malcolm                | PI    | UNO<br>UNMC |
|  | Pierre Fayad                    |       | UNO         |
|  | Aaron Likens<br>Mukul Mukherjee |       | UNO         |
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| Hip versus Ankle Exoskeleton Assistance for Gait Enhancement and Fall Prevention in Older Adults                           | Sara Myers<br>Iraklis Pipinos   | PI    | UNO         |
|  | Farahnaz Fallah Tafti           |       | UNMC<br>UNO |
|  |                                 | PI    |             |
| Impact of Biopsychosocial Psychotherapy Intervention on Maternal Life-Course Trauma and the Gut Microbiome                 | Ashley Blount                   | ы     | UNO         |
|  | Abby Bjornsen-Ramig             |       | UNO         |
|  | Tiffany Moore                   |       | UNMC        |
|  | Gurudutt Pendyala               |       | UNMC<br>UNO |
|  | Kara Schneider                  | 5:    |             |
| Impact of cropland conversion to tallgrass prairie on soil and water chemistry   | Jeffrey Westrop                 | PI    | UNL         |
|  | Ashlee Dere                     |       | UNO         |
|  | Kelly Deuerling                 |       | UNO         |
|  | Keeley MacNeill                 |       | UNL         |
| Innovative Chiral Plasmonic Metamaterial Platforms for SERS-Based Biomolecular Detection and                               | Ufuk Kilic                      | PI    | UNL         |
| Characterization   | Bin Duan                        |       | UNMC        |
|  | Yongfeng Lu                     |       | UNL         |
|  | Eva Schubert                    |       | UNL         |



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| Investigating the Role of Gestures in Language Learning with Children with Autism                              | Alice Shillingsburg   | PI   | UNMC   |
|  | Sarah Frampton        |      | UNO    |
| Leveraging computational biology discovery platforms to identify novel microbial metabolism with impacts on    | Jennifer Auchtung     | PI   | UNL    |
| human and animal health  | Peter Mannon          |      | UNMC   |
|  | Yanbin Yin            |      | UNL    |
| Localized Chelation Therapy for Removing Peripheral Artery Calcification                                       | Alexey Kamenskiy      | PI   | UNO    |
|  | Jason MacTaggart      |      | UNMC   |
| Magnetic and Electronic Interface Properties in 3D Ferromangetic Heterostructures with Dielectric and Metallic | Eva Schubert          | PI   | UNL    |
| Tunnel Junctions   | Ufuk Kilic            |      | UNL    |
|  | Renat Sabirianov      |      | UNO    |
| Markerless Evaluation of Gait Adaptation: gaining insights from a clinical home intervention                   | Pieter Van den Berghe | PI   | UNO    |
|  | Pierre Fayad          |      | UNMC   |
|  | Aaron Likens          |      | UNO    |
|  | Philippe Malcolm      |      | UNO    |
|  | Mukul Mukherjee       |      | UNO    |
| Mechanics of underwater treadmill walking for individuals with subacute stroke                                 | Brian Knarr           | PI   | UNO    |
|  | Brad Dexter           |      | UNMC   |
|  | David Kingston        |      | UNO    |
| Naturalistic Social Interaction Analysis Between Dementia Care Recipients and Caregivers with Data-Driven      | Jong-Hoon Youn        | PI   | UNO    |
| Machine Learning Models  | Kuan-Hua Chen         |      | UNMC   |
|  | Joseph Siu            |      | UNMC   |
|  | Xin Xing              |      | UNO    |
| Optimizing Agricultural Efficiency in Nebraska through Advanced IoT Wireless Networks and Federated Learning-  | Tiffany Zhang         | PI   | UNO    |
| Based Rate Adaptation  | Peng Jiang            |      | UNO    |
| based nate / auptratori  | Yu Pan                |      | UNL    |
| Plasma-Activated Antibiotics: Chemical Characterization and Biological Evaluation                              | Barry Cheung          | PI   | UNL    |
|  | Austin Nuxoll         |      | UNK    |
| Quantification of PRRS Virus in Manure and Preliminary Assessment of Manure-borne Transmission Vectors         | Amy Schmidt           | PI   | UNL    |
| ,  | Shaun Cross           |      | UNMC   |
|  | Benny Mote            |      | UNL    |
|  | Hiep Vu               |      | UNL    |
| Regulation of HIV-Driven Cardiac Dysfunction in Diabetes   | Paras Kumar Mishra    | PI   | UNMC   |
|  | Siddappa Byrareddy    |      | UNMC   |
|  | Song-Young Park       |      | UNO    |
| The effects of perinatal oxycodone exposure on skeletal muscle development                                     | Ivan Vechetti         | PI   | UNL    |
|  | Gurudutt Pendyala     |      | UNMC   |
| Toward BCI-Mediated Gait Training in Children with CP: Identifying the Neural Correlates of Walking with NMES  | Ahad Behboodi         | PI   | UNO    |
| Assistance   | Vivek Dutt            | • •  | UNMC   |
| rissistance  | David Kingston        |      | UNO    |
| TRUST-V2X: Enhancing Security and Trustworthiness of Al in Multi-Modal Collaborative Sensing for Autonomous    | Peng Jiang            | PI   | UNO    |
| Vehicles to Everything   | Chun-Hsing Ho         | • •  | UNL    |
|  | Pei-Chi Huang         |      | UNO    |
|  | Yi Qian               |      | UNL    |
| Vumerity treatment in patients with peripheral arterial disease: leg skeletal muscle and vascular pathology    | Song-Young Park       | PI   | UNO    |
|  | Lie Gao               | - 11 | UNMC   |
|  | Gwenael Layec         |      | UNO    |
|  | Iraklis Pipinos       |      | UNMC   |
|  | Matthew Zimmerman     |      | UNMC   |
|  | Irving Zucker         |      | UNMC   |
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