MEMORANDUM

TO: Research Staff, Research Faculty, Tenured, and Tenure-Track Faculty

FROM: Ray Vaughn, Ph.D.
              Vice President for Research and Economic Development

DATE: November 12, 2015

SUBJECT: Request for Proposals
              2015/2016 UA System Collaborative Research Program

The Office of the Vice President for Research and Economic Development is soliciting proposals from research staff, research faculty, tenured and tenure-track faculty at UAH who desire to create a collaborative external proposal team involving a partnership between at least two of the University of Alabama System universities. These grants will be in the amount of $2,500 to the UAH Principal Investigator (PI) and must be spent within a period of 12 months in support of an external proposal effort. The purpose of this program is to facilitate the research interaction between faculty/staff at UA, UAB, and UAH and to strengthen the overall research offering by leveraging strengths at the respective universities.

In order to be considered, the collaborative teams must be composed of individuals from more than one UA System university who would be expected to meet on a regular basis, share research ideas, and submit one or more proposals to an external funding agency during calendar year 2016. Continued funding for a second year of a previously awarded effort may be considered contingent on the success of the research group during its first year of funding.

Faculty or research staff wishing to apply for a collaborative UA system research grant should submit a proposal (12-point font, single spaced, one-inch margins, not to exceed two pages) which outlines the proposed research group theme, the names and university affiliations of faculty who have agreed to participate, identification of the PI at each institution AND the overall lead PI for the effort. Additional information should include identification of the funding agencies that would likely be interested in funding the proposed research topic, and whether or not there is international collaborative potential. In addition, a two-page (maximum) vitae for each institution's PI must be included. The lead PI should upload the agreed upon application in PDF format not later than Friday, January 15, 2016 to http://resadmin.uah.edu/UACollab/upload.php. The Office of the UAH Vice President for Research and Economic Development will consider all applications from UAH and will consult with the VPR at the other participating institution(s) prior to approving awards. Awards are anticipated to be made by the end of January. The funded collaborative efforts should begin in the Spring semester.   The funds provided may be used for any expenses associated with supporting the research group (expenditures must comply with UA System and individual institutional policies).   A mid-year progress report will be requested from each team as well as a final progress report due not

later than January 13, 2017.

A faculty member may only lead a single proposal as a PI, but may participate in any number of groups as a Co-PI.   Questions pertaining to this program may be addressed to the Office of the Vice President for Research and Economic Development.