Limited Competition Re-issue of Centers of Excellence in ELSI Research (CEER) RFA

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CEER Program

- First Grants Funded in 2004
- Goals:
  - Trans-disciplinary research
  - Facilitate use of findings to inform policies/practices
  - Develop next generation of ELSI researchers
- Currently use the RM1 activity code
- RFA last issued in 2017

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Background

- Since 2004, 11 Full CEERs and 8 P20 CEERs
- Currently 5 RM1 Centers
- 4 years of funding, 1 competitive 4 year renewal
- FY 2018 Budget: ~$5.2 Million
- 24% ELSI Budget

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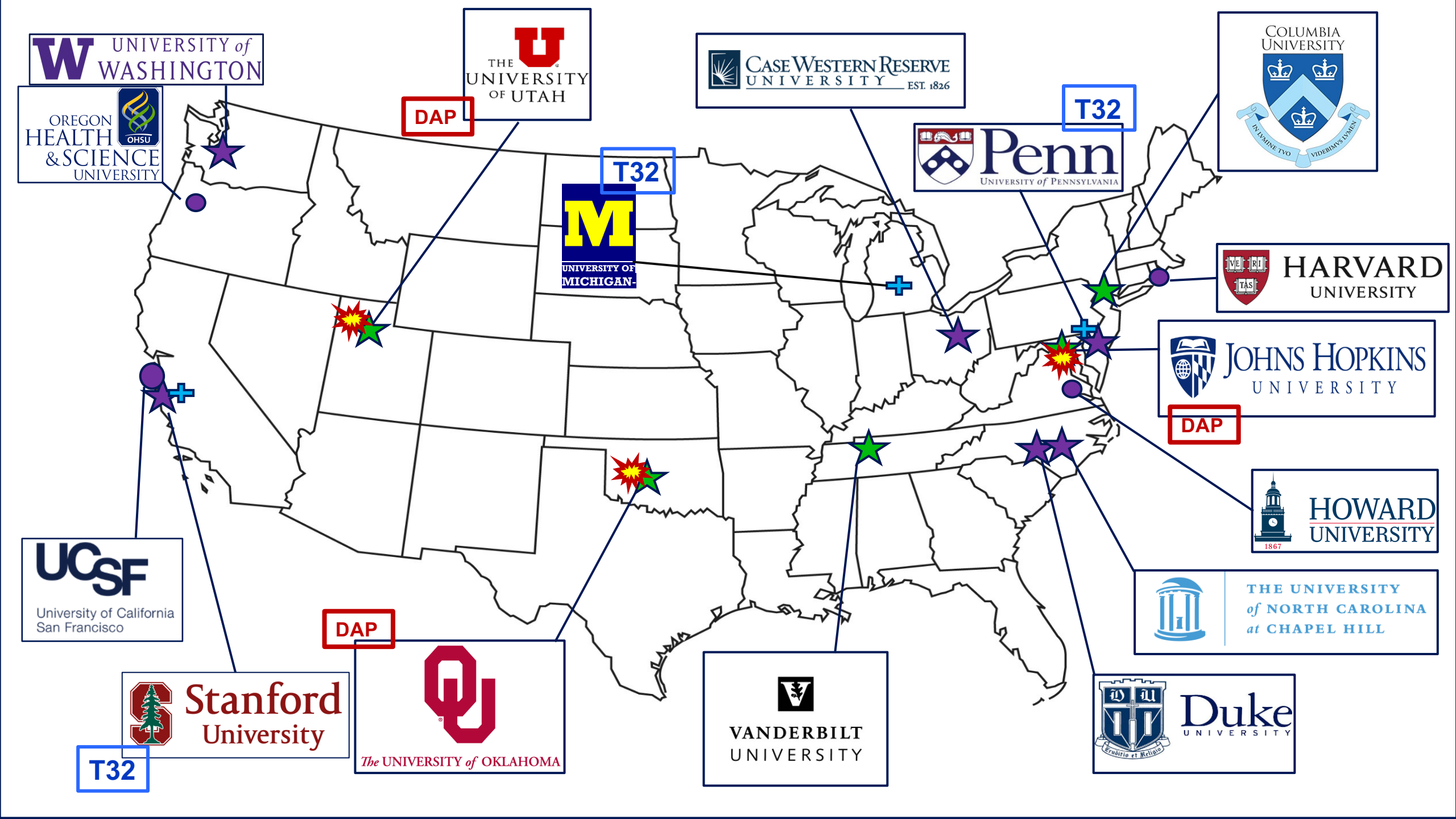
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Accomplishments

- ✓Established productive transdisciplinary research teams that support the integration of ELSI and genomics research
- ✓Provided expertise and other resources for policy makers
- ✓Generated institutional support for ELSI research
- ✓Helped develop a diverse cadre of next generation ELSI researchers

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Evolving Genomics & ELSI Landscapes

- Increasing use of genetics in health care
- Rapid advances in genome technology and analysis
- Strong genomic-ELSI partnerships
- Strong diverse pool of young ELSI investigators
- Multiple institutions with ELSI research capacity
- Ongoing strategic planning process

Strategic Planning & Future Directions

- Examine all ongoing ELSI initiatives
- Limit growth of CEER program through 2023
- Create flexibility to develop new initiatives based on strategic planning process
- Ensure continued support for investigator initiated research & career development activities

Eligibility and Funding

- Limited Competition
- Restricted to CEERs eligible to compete for renewal
- Budget: $650,000 direct costs a year for four years
- Funding: $4M (up to 4 CEER renewals)

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Proposed Timeline

- Issue RFA: March 2019
- Application Receipt Date: July 2019
- Peer Review: October/November 2019
- Council Review: February 2020
- Fund: April 2020

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