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Dear Faculty Colleagues,

I am excited and very pleased to announce the inaugural round of competition for support of research and scholarship to be conducted at the NYU Abu Dhabi Institute.

A key element of our strategic vision for NYU Abu Dhabi – in addition to a comprehensive liberal arts campus – has been a focus on developing a robust research environment, one that broadly represents the disciplinary areas in the undergraduate college, nurtures selective graduate programs, and supports research of the highest quality on topics of special interest, importance and relevance to society and our world today. In sum, our goals are to create a world-class center for research at the NYU Abu Dhabi Institute and to establish NYUAD as a leading research university that is integrally connected to NYUNY and NYU's Global Network University. I have set forth our vision for research at NYUAD in "Research at the NYU Abu Dhabi Institute," which can be found online at <http://nyuad.nyu.edu/nyuad.institute/research.vision.html> .

In keeping with this vision, we are opening the first round of competition for proposals and pre-proposals for research and scholarship at the NYU Abu Dhabi Institute. This is an unprecedented opportunity for NYU faculty to shape and create a major research presence in a new university campus. The NYU Abu Dhabi Institute will provide research funding at a significant level and with exceptional continuity of support. As described in "Research at the NYU Abu Dhabi Institute," proposals and pre-proposals are welcome from all schools on campus and from all the disciplines, including the arts, humanities, social sciences, sciences, engineering, and the professions. Support is available for individual fellowships, creative/ performance projects, experimental laboratories, scholarly groups and research centers, and "signature initiatives" that link laboratories and/or scholarly groups to address one of the "grand challenges" of our times.

The Institute will be in a start up phase, operating in interim facilities in downtown Abu Dhabi until Fall 2013, when the permanent campus on Saadiyat Island is expected to open. While it is possible for some projects to begin in the pre-Saadiyat years, most activities, particularly those that require specialized facilities, will be funded on an elongated time scale to begin when the Saadiyat Island campus opens.

At this time, the following applications are invited:

- Proposals for Fellowships and for Creative/Performance Projects that could be housed in interim facilities in Abu Dhabi. The earliest start date for these projects is January 2010, though most projects will start the following year and some projects will only be conducted at the Saadiyat Island campus. **Application Deadline: July 31, 2009.** Awards will be announced by November 15, 2009.
- Pre-Proposals for Scholarly Groups and Research Centers, Experimental Laboratories, and Signature Initiatives that could be housed, at least initially, in interim facilities in Abu Dhabi. These projects are likely to begin September 2010, or later. **Application Deadline: July 31, 2009.**
- Pre-Proposals for Scholarly Groups and Research Centers, Experimental Laboratories, and Signature Initiatives that require the facilities of the Saadiyat Island campus. These projects would start at the opening of the campus or shortly thereafter. **Application Deadlines: October 19, 2009** (for Scholarly Groups and Research Centers, Experimental Laboratories) and **March 15, 2010** (for Signature Initiatives)

Full proposals for Scholarly Groups and Research Centers, Experimental Laboratories, and Signature Initiatives will be submitted by invitation only, based on the results of the preliminary proposal evaluation. Invitations to submit full proposals will be issued within two to three months of receipt of pre-proposals, with full proposals due five to six months later. The review timetable will accommodate projects aiming to start as early as Fall 2010 in interim facilities in downtown Abu Dhabi, with some awards announced by June 2010. The timetable will also accommodate projects that aim to ramp up for the opening of the Saadiyat Island campus, with some decisions about funding commitments and awards announced by May 2011.

Details about proposal requirements and the application process are available in the Application Instructions, which can be found at <http://nyuad.nyu.edu/nyuad.institute/research.application.html>. Additional rounds of competition for research support will be announced at a later date.

I hope that you will participate in this very exciting venture, which will play such an important role in the future of our University's educational and research mission. I hope as well that you will share with me your own views on research at NYU Abu Dhabi by writing me at provost@nyu.edu with the subject header: "Research at NYUAD Institute."

Sincerely,
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