Opportunity Summary:
This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications for Silvio O. Conte Digestive Diseases Research Core Centers (DDRCCs). The DDRCCs are part of an integrated program of digestive and liver diseases research support provided by the NIDDK. The purpose of this Centers program is to bring together basic and clinical investigators as a means to enhance communication, collaboration, and effectiveness of ongoing research related to digestive and/or liver diseases. DDRCCs are based on the core concept, whereby shared resources aimed at fostering productivity, synergy, and new research ideas among the funded investigators are supported in a cost-effective manner. Each proposed DDRCC must be organized around a central theme that reflects the focus of the digestive or liver diseases research of the Center members. The central theme must be within the primary mission of NIDDK, and not thematic areas for which other NIH Institutes or Centers are considered the primary source of NIH funding.

Eligibility & Requirements:
- Only institutions at which there is a strong ongoing base of digestive and/or liver diseases-relevant research that relates to the proposed theme of the Center are eligible. The already funded research base must have at least $3 million per year in direct costs of supported research within a proposed theme area that is of primary interest to NIDDK. These may be a mix of Federal and privately funded research awards or research career development awards. However, at least 30 percent of the total funding contributing to the research base must be secured from the NIDDK. Moreover, enough awards within the research base must be Federal to fulfill the requirement that each Biomedical Research Core must be utilized by a minimum of two federally funded Center members. Training grants, education grants, and fellowship awards are not considered part of the research base funding. Since "Facilities and Administration" costs vary considerably between institutions, these must not be included in the calculation of the research base.

Internal Nomination Process:
Interested applicants should submit the following documents:

1. JHU Limited Submission Cover Sheet
2. Proposal (maximum of two pages of text only, single spaced: 12-pt font and one-inch margins)  
   (Note: figures, tables, and other reference material may be included in addition to the 2 pg. text limit)
3. Curriculum Vitae of investigator, including current external research support and publications
4. Budget (two pages maximum)

Questions? Comments? Email the Research Development Team at resapp@jhu.edu.