

**REQUEST:** Funding to remodel and equip space for use as a dedicated Research Training Laboratory (RTL) to support the research training programs at the Morehouse School of Medicine.

MSM has allocated approximately 1000 sq. feet of space to its Graduate Education in Biomedical Sciences Training Program for use as a dedicated RTL. The space has been designated for the delivery of laboratory-based courses to students in the growing Ph.D. Program in Biomedical Sciences. The funding is needed to cover the costs for the required demolition, wall relocation, electrical and plumbing relocation and upgrades, laboratory furniture and casework, including a large fume hood, cabinets, benches, sinks and all hardware. The laboratory will provide bench and sit-down space de .Eceeo10( m)-3 mot

effectively used training a larger number of students at once without risk to the equipment, supplies, and research progress in their own laboratories.

Secure and dedicated laboratory space for hands-on training in research methods for 20 or so research trainees constitutes a urgent, immediate need for advancing the research training program at MSM, for improving our students' access to increasing numbers of our best research faculty as well as visiting faculty, and increasing the number of students we can effectively train in our programs.

Additional potential uses for the space would include vendor- or core-laboratory sponsored in-service training sessions on research methodologies for research faculty and staff, post-doctoral fellows, and graduate students when the