Need cloud for your research?
~Calling All NIH–funded Labs~

The NIH has partnered with the CMS Alliance to Modernize Healthcare (CAMH), operated by MITRE Cor–poration, to launch a pilot to **accelerate biomedical research through a new funding mechanism.** The NIH Commons Credits Model is designed to yield a faster, cost–effective way for NIH–funded investigators to access cutting–edge computing power, storage, and analysis through vetted commercial cloud vendors.

NIH may allocate up to $6 million in total credits to investigators. NIH expects that requests will not typically exceed $50,000. Three open submission cycles will occur before summer 2017. The first **call for applications will start December 9th and end January 9th.** If approved, you will have the opportunity to allocate these credits at the conformant cloud vendor of your choice.

Submit your one-page application via
http://www.commons-credit-portal.org

What is the Commons Credits Pilot?

The pilot of a new NIH–sponsored funding model designed to provide biomedical researchers with access to a high–performance computing environment and efficient storage resources, with shorter application requirements and review times.

Why should investigators apply?

- Successful applicants will obtain credits for cloud–based computing services and storage resources through an online market environment, consisting of a variety of vetted cloud providers

- Investigators can select their preferred conformant cloud vendor(s)

- Applications are brief (< 2 pages) and straightforward

- Credits will be dispensed rapidly (~ 8 wks from opening of cycle) to address fast–paced research

- Credits will advance research or data that may not otherwise be feasible within the purview of the investigators' current NIH–funded grant(s)

What is required of pilot participants?

- Provide feedback to help shape the future of the NIH grants model

- Pledge one or more Digital Objects (e.g. data, tool, etc.) to share in the Commons with other members of the scientific community

Have more questions? Email the NIH Commons Credits Team at **commons_credits@mitre.org**