Limited Submissions

National Science Foundation - Major Research Instrumentation (MRI) Program – Instrument Acquisition or Development

**Tufts may nominate up to three (3) candidates**

If three proposals are submitted, at least one of the proposals must be for instrument development (i.e., no more than two proposals may be for instrument acquisition)

Deadlines:
Tufts Internal ‘Email of Intent’ Deadline:  Friday October 30, 2015 by 5pm
Application Deadline: January 13, 2016

For those interested:
Please send an email of intent to the Limited Submissions Team at limitedsubmissions@tufts.edu informing us of an intention to apply. EOI’s received after the deadline will not be considered. The email of intent needs to include:

1. The name of the solicitation and identify if you are applying for Track 1: Instrument Acquisition or Track 2: Instrument Development,
2. The name of the Principal Investigator, and any co-PI's,
3. The CV or biosketch of all research team members
4. The subject or title of the proposed project, and
5. An appropriately detailed description of no more than 500 words outlining the proposal

If the number of submissions is greater than the limit(s) imposed by NSF, the Limited Submissions Committee will initiate an internal review process.

PROGRAM INFORMATION: The MRI program serves to increase access to shared scientific and engineering instruments for research and research training in our Nation’s institutions of higher education, museums, science centers, and not-for-profit organizations. This program especially seeks to improve the quality and expand the scope of research and research training in science and engineering, by providing shared instrumentation that will enhance the capabilities of researchers both within and outside the proposing organization.

To accomplish these goals, the MRI program assists with the acquisition or development of shared research instrumentation that is, in general, too costly and/or not appropriate for support through other NSF programs. Instruments are expected to be operational for regular research use by the end of the award period. For the purposes of the MRI program, proposals must be for either acquisition or development of a single instrument or for equipment that, when combined, serves as an integrated research instrument. The MRI program does not support the acquisition or development of a suite of instruments to outfit research laboratories/facilities or to conduct independent research activities simultaneously.

Cost-sharing at the level of 30% of the total project cost is required.