LIMITED SUBMISSION: Department of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor Global Religious Freedom Programs (FY17/18)

****PLEASE NOTE: ONE (1) PROPOSAL FROM TUFTS MAY BE NOMINATED PER CATEGORY FOR A TOTAL OF FOUR (4) APPLICATIONS****

DEADLINES:
Tufts Internal Email of Intent Deadline: October 20 by noon
Sponsor Deadline: November 6, 2017

For those interested, please send an email of intent (EOI) 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 must include:

1. The name of the solicitation
2. The name of the Principal Investigator, and any co-PIs
3. The funding category of the proposal
4. A 2-3 sentence description of the proposed project.

Should the number of interested applicants exceed the number allowed by the funder, an internal selection process will be conducted by the Office of the Vice Provost for Research, and candidates will be notified to submit internal application materials. All candidates will be notified of results. NB: Successful applications must include official notification from the Limited Submissions Team in order to submit. For more information, please see http://viceprovost.tufts.edu/resources/funding/limited-submissions/

PROGRAM INFORMATION: The U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (DRL) announces an open competition for projects that support the promotion and protection of religious freedom globally. These projects will propose strategies for enabling religious communities, faith-based organizations, and NGOs to engage local and national governments and international organizations to protect cultural heritage, including buildings and movable and immovable properties. This program cannot fund repair or maintenance of specific religious properties or artifacts.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: DRL will fund one program each in four separate funding categories:

- **NEA Regional Program** ($500,000): DRL’s objective is to empower local religious communities to understand how to preserve religious and cultural heritage, both moveable and immovable, while also fostering inter-religious dialogue and cooperation.
- **NEA Regional Program** ($700,000): DRL’s objective is to promote increased governmental and societal respect for the rights of religious minorities and reduce instances of religious motivated abuse/discrimination, particularly in educational settings and in the community in the countries of the Arabian Peninsula.
- **EAP Region - Malaysia Program** ($500,000): DRL’s objective is to promote religious freedom from a rule of law or good governance perspective in Malaysia.
- **AF Region - Nigeria Program** ($700,000): DRL’s objective is to address state authorities’ use of blasphemy and apostasy laws and associated impunity for vigilante justice in Nigeria.
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Proposals should note the limited subset of countries selected for program activities and a rationale for their inclusion, and should:

- have the potential to have an immediate impact leading to long-term sustainable reforms
- have the potential to be supported beyond DRL resources.
- preferably support new and creative approaches, not duplicate past efforts
  - This does not exclude from consideration projects that improve upon or expand existing successful projects in a new and complementary way.
- strive to advance the rights and uphold the dignity of the most vulnerable or at-risk populations.

See funding announcement for ideas for successful program activities in all categories and an expanded list of activities typically not considered competitive.

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION: There are no restrictions or limitations on who may serve as PI.

- Organizations are limited to submitting only one (1) application under a category:
  - this limitation does not extend to being included as a partner in another organization’s application
  - The organization must explicitly identify for which category an application is being submitted.
- Organizations submitting an application for any category are strongly encouraged to do so in partnership with at least one other organization
  - one organization must be designated as the lead applicant.
- Applicants should have existing, or the capacity to develop, active partnerships with thematic or in-country partners, entities and relevant stakeholders, including private sector partners and NGOs, and have demonstrable experience in administering successful and preferably similar projects.

AWARD INFORMATION: DRL anticipates having approximately $2.4 million of HRDF available to support approximately four successful applications submitted in response to this NOFO, subject to the availability of funding:

- Applicants should not request less than $500,000 and no more than $700,000, not to exceed the amount specified for each country or regional solicitation above.
- Applicants should include an anticipated start date between June 2018 – September 2018 and the period of performance should be between 24 months to 36 months.
- The total duration of any award, including potential non-competitive continuation amendments, shall not exceed 60 months or five years.


NOTE: Program announcement instructions supersede instructions delivered in this document.