LIMITED SUBMISSION: NSF – Major Research Instrumentation Program (MRI)

****PLEASE NOTE: TWO (2) PROPOSALS FOR TRACK 1 AND ONE (1) PROPOSAL FOR TRACK 2 FROM TUFTS MAY BE NOMINATED****

DEADLINES:
Tufts Internal Email of Intent Deadline: August 27 by noon
Sponsor Deadline: Full proposal: January 21, 2020

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 must include:

1. The name of the solicitation,
2. The name of the Principal Investigator, and any co-PI's,
3. The track to which you intend to apply with an estimate of the cost of the equipment,
4. A statement indicating that all approvals for equipment will be secured prior to submission to the NSF and that the Tufts policy for Purchase or Development of Equipment with Additional Infrastructure Needs is followed
5. A statement indicating that all cost sharing approvals will be secured prior to submission to NSF
6. 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 PURPOSE:
• To increase access to multi-user scientific and engineering instrumentation for research and research training. An MRI award supports the acquisition or development of a multi-user research instrument that is, in general, too costly and/or not appropriate for support through other NSF programs.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:
• MRI provides support to acquire or develop next-generation research instruments that open new opportunities to advance the frontiers in science and engineering research.
• Projects must enhance research training of students who will become the next generation of instrument users, designers and builders.
• Projects must fit into one of two tracks: Track 1: Track 1 MRI proposals are those that request funds from NSF greater than or equal to $100,0001 and less than $1,000,000; Track 2: Track 2 MRI proposals are those that request funds from NSF greater than or equal to $1,000,000 up to and including $4,000,000.
• Not funded are common, general-purpose ancillary equipment normally be found in a laboratory; research, education or outreach activities that are enabled by the requested instrumentation; requests for multiple independent instruments that serve to outfit a general-purpose laboratory or research environment; instrumentation used primarily for science and engineering education courses and outreach, or enables research that is primarily outside of NSF-supported fields of science and engineering.

ELIGIBILITY: No agency restrictions; please follow Tufts PI eligibility policies

AWARD INFORMATION: Track 1: Minimum - $100,000; Maximum – less than $1M; Track 2: $1M to $4M

FURTHER INFORMATION: https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5260

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