



Office of Research
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NSF MAJOR RESEARCH INSTRUMENTATION PROPOSALS SOUGHT

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We are accepting applications for the NSF Major Research Instrumentation Program. Since the number of proposals our University may submit is limited, there will be an internal competition. Those interested must submit an internal proposal by Friday, December 5, at 5 pm, to research@drexel.edu.

The entire proposal must be a single pdf file. The name of the file as well as the subject line of the email, must contain NSFMRI and the name of the PI. The pdf file must contain the budget, cost-sharing plan, maintenance plan, and bio-sketches of PI's as well as 3 pages (MAX) of the proposal itself.

Recall that NSF is mandating 30% cost-sharing. PI's must develop a plan for this cost sharing, and appropriate approvals are needed before the internal review. For our internal competition, email from the approving personnel (Deans, Dept. Heads, etc) MUST be included in the pdf submitted. Note that the Office of Research will subsidize no more than 1/3 of the eligible costs as described below. Cost sharing is calculated on total proposal cost.

2 categories exist: Acquisition, and Development. We may submit no more than 2 Acquisition proposals, and 3 proposals total. The upper limit per proposal is \$4 million. Letters of intent are no longer required.

For instrument acquisition proposals, eligible project costs are limited to instrument purchase, installation, commissioning, and calibration, and the direct and indirect costs of operation, maintenance, and other appropriate technical support during the award period. Salary support, including fringe benefits and indirect costs, is allowed for personnel involved in the operation and maintenance.

For instrument development proposals, eligible project costs are limited to parts and materials needed for the construction of the instrument and commissioning costs, as well as the direct and indirect costs associated with support of personnel engaged strictly in the instrument development effort. Requests for personnel support must include a description of the responsibilities of the project co-workers and explain why a given position is necessary for the completion of the design and construction of the new instrument. Sufficient detail should be given to allow reviewers to analyze the cost of the new technology. Support for research to be conducted using the instrument after development, operation and maintenance, publication costs, and conference travel are not allowed.

The proposals chosen from Drexel will be due at the NSF by January 22.

Complete program details may be found at <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2009/nsf09502/nsf09502.htm>