NSF Major Research Instrumentation Program (MRI) Solicitation

NSF recently announced the 2015 MRI program with January 22, 2015 deadline.

The NSF Major Research Instrumentation program provides funding for grants of $100,000-$4M for the acquisition (or development) of shared research instrumentation. The MRI program enhances the nation's research infrastructure by supporting proposals for shared instrumentation that fosters the integration of research and education in research-intensive learning environments. Each MRI proposal may request support for the acquisition (Track 1) or development (Track 2) of a single research instrument for shared inter- and/or intra-organizational use; development efforts that leverage the strengths of private sector partners to build instrument development capacity at MRI submission-eligible organizations are encouraged. For acquisition requests, at least 70% of the Total Project Cost must fall under the Equipment category.

Estimated Number of Awards: 160 awards - Proposals that request funds from NSF in the range $100,000-$4 million may be accepted from any MRI-eligible organization. Proposals that request funds from NSF less than $100,000 may also be accepted from any MRI-eligible organization for the disciplines of mathematics or social, behavioral and economic sciences and from non-Ph.D.-granting institutions of higher education for all NSF-supported disciplines.

Smith is limited to three MRI proposals: two for instrumentation acquisition; one for instrumentation development.

- If you wish to be considered for one of these proposal slots, please provide a brief statement to Joseph O’Rourke, Associate Provost and Dean for Academic Development, by **November 21, 2014**.
- Potential PIs are encouraged to discuss their ideas with Marilyn Woodman, Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations, mwoodman@smith.edu, ext. 2679).
- Final proposals must be received by the NSF by **January 22, 2015**.