

Limited Submission Announcement

A limited submission opportunity is available from the National Science Foundation and has been posted to the [UTSA Limited Submission webpage](#).

Major Research Instrumentation Program: (MRI) Instrument Acquisition or Development

The goal of the Major Research Instrumentation (MRI) Program is to increase access to shared-use/multi-user instrumentation for scientific and engineering research and research training. MRI is intended to be a capacity-building program that builds research capabilities across diverse institution types (institutions of higher education and not-for-profit scientific/engineering research organizations). MRI advances the National interest by providing U.S. organizations with instrumentation that opens new opportunities to advance the frontiers in science and engineering research and research training.

An MRI proposal may request support for the acquisition or development of a research instrument or components that when combined serve as an integrated research instrument. An MRI-supported instrument is intended to serve multiple users both in research and in the training of the next generation of instrument users and/or developers. MRI provides support to acquire critical research instrumentation without which advances in fundamental science and engineering research may not otherwise occur. MRI also provides support to develop next-generation research instruments that open new opportunities to advance the frontiers in science and engineering research.

The MRI Program does not typically fund common, general-purpose ancillary equipment that would normally be found in a laboratory and/or is relatively easily procured by the organization. The Program does not support research, education or outreach activities that are enabled by the requested instrumentation, nor does MRI support requests for multiple independent instruments that serve to outfit a general-purpose laboratory or research environment. MRI also does not support instrumentation used primarily for science and engineering education courses and outreach, or that enables research that is primarily outside of NSF-supported fields of science and engineering; however, the instrument's use in those activities may occur at a secondary level and serve as broader impacts.

Application Limit and Award Amount

Two (2) Track 1 MRI proposals as described below.

Each performing organization is now limited to a maximum of three proposals in revised "Tracks" as defined below, with no more than two submissions in Track 1 and no more than one submission in Track 2. **The Track 2 project has been pre-selected based on an institutional commitment; therefore, we are only seeking pre-proposals in response to Track 1.**

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- Track 1: Track 1 MRI proposals are those that request funds from NSF greater than or equal to \$100,000 and less than \$1,000,000. Any MRI proposal may request support for either the acquisition or development of a research instrument.

Cost Share Requirement

Cost sharing at the level of (precisely) 30% of the total project cost is required for Ph.D.-granting institutions and non-degree-granting organizations.

A new **Resource Commitment Form** has been developed for documenting resource commitments, including cost-share, specifically for limited submission opportunities. The form and instructions for it can be found here: <http://research.utsa.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/LS-Resource-Commitment-Form.pdf>. All applicable Resource Commitment Forms are due at the time of submission, 11:59pm on September 12.

Internal Evaluation Criteria

The attached review matrix will be utilized for internal review/scoring. Pre-proposals should be responsive to these criteria.

Timeline

Internal Notice of Intent Due (Preferred)	Limited Submission Application Due	Selection Notification	Application Due to Funder
August 22, 2018	September 12, 2018	September 27, 2018	January 22, 2019

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Questions? Please reference the [UTSA Limited Submission website](#) or contact LimitedSubmissions@utsa.edu