

Limited Submission Announcement

A limited submission opportunity is available from the National Science Foundation and is available on the [UTSA Limited Submission Opportunities webpage](#).

[NSF Partnerships for Innovation \(PFI\) Program – Research Partnerships Track](#)

The NSF Partnerships for Innovation (PFI) Program within the Division of Industrial Innovation and Partnerships (IIP) offers researchers the opportunity to transform new knowledge into societal benefits through translational research and technology development efforts, which catalyze partnerships to accelerate innovations that address significant societal needs.

PFI has five (5) broad goals:

1. Identifying and supporting NSF-sponsored research and technologies that have the potential for accelerated commercialization;
2. Supporting prior or current NSF-sponsored investigators, institutions of higher education, and non-profit organizations that partner with an institution of higher education in undertaking proof-of-concept work, including the development of technology prototypes that are derived from NSF-sponsored research and have potential market value;
3. Promoting sustainable partnerships between NSF-funded institutions, industry, and other organizations within academia and the private sector with the purpose of accelerating the transfer of technology;
4. Developing multi-disciplinary innovation ecosystems which involve and are responsive to the specific needs of academia and industry;
5. Providing professional development, mentoring, and advice in entrepreneurship, project management, and technology and business development to innovators.

This solicitation offers two broad tracks for proposals in pursuit of the aforementioned goals:

1. The **Technology Translation (PFI-TT)** track offers the opportunity to translate prior NSF-funded research results in any field of science or engineering into technological innovations with promising commercial potential and societal impact. **Note: This track no longer has an institutional limit. Therefore, a Limited Submission application is not required to apply for this track. If interested in applying for this track, please contact your RSC directly for further assistance.**
2. The **Research Partnerships (PFI-RP)** track seeks to achieve the same goals as the PFI-TT track but, instead, supports complex, multi-faceted technology development projects that are typically beyond the scope of a single researcher or institution and require a multi-organizational, interdisciplinary, synergistic collaboration. In the absence of such synergistic partnership, the project's likelihood for success would be minimal.

Eligibility

- The Lead Principal Investigator (PI) must be employed by the eligible institution submitting the proposal, and must have the technical skills required to lead and execute the proposed research project.

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- PFI-RP proposals must include, without exception, a co-PI who is a member or employee of the required Industrial Partner organization. **PFI-RP proposals without an Industrial Partner co-PI may be returned without review.**
- A PI or co-PI may resubmit a proposal that was previously declined under a previous PFI solicitation or under a previous submission deadline in this solicitation; however, the new proposal must be significantly improved and be responsive to the major comments or concerns resulting from the prior NSF review.
- NSF Lineage Requirement: All proposals submitted to the PFI program must meet a lineage requirement under one of the following two paths: (1) NSF-supported research results, or (2) NSF-supported customer discovery results through the NSF I-Corps Teams Program.

Application Limit

An organization may submit no more than **one (1) proposal** to the PFI-RP track per submission deadline. (Note: The limitation on the number of proposals submitted has been eliminated for the PFI-TT track.)

Award Amount

PFI-RP projects will be funded at up to \$550,000 for 36 months. Approximately 10-15 awards are anticipated.

Cost Share Requirement

Inclusion of voluntary committed cost sharing is prohibited.

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 (Anticipated)
April 23, 2019	April 30, 2019	May 15, 2019	July 10, 2019

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